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opened his eyes, he saw the

young man sitting quietly near his feet.

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The young man gratefully took the box. 'Thank you, Wise Father! I will do a you say,"

While returning home, the young man stopped and thought, 'I wonder what's in the box? But the wise father told me not to open it until I reach home. He walked a little more. But he could not control himself any longer.

'A quick look won't hurt anybody,' he said to himself. The young man opened the box and at once he turned into a tree! He became a tall

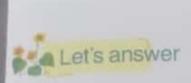
coconut tree. You see, he should have

listened to the old man. The young man still got his wish, as all the parts of a coconut tree are indeed very useful in some way or the other to everyone.



-A Malaysian folk tale





A. Answer the questions by choosing the right option.

- 1. Everyone visited the wise old man because
 - a) he was very old.
- b) he was very wise and helpful.
 - c) he gave orders.
- 2. If someone wanted to visit the old man, they would have to
 - a) travel for many days.
 - b) invite him to their homes.
 - (e) visit his cave.
- 3. The young man went to the old man's cave as
 - a) he wanted the old man's advice.
 - b) he wanted to help the old man.
 - c) he did not know anything.
- 4. The young man was punished because
 - a) he was not wise.
 - b) he was very rude.
 - e) he did not follow the old man's instructions.

B. Answer the following questions. (See Workelest for Answers)

- What kind of a person was the young man? Describe him in two or three sentences. (Hint: good qualities – he wanted to help everyone/ went to seek the old man's advice; bad qualities – could not wait/did not follow instructions)
- 2. Why did the old man change the young man into a coconut tree?
- 3. Do you think it was right for the old man to punish the young man?
 Why?

Answer Key Class III Chapter 3 The Coconut Tree

Exercise B)

- The young man was a good perso as he wanted to help people. But, he was also bad because he did not follow instructions given by the wise, old man.
- The old man changed the young man into a coconut tree so that he could help people with his products.
- Yes, it was right to punish the young man because he did not follow instructions given by the old man.