**THE TREE DOCTOR**

**Understanding the Text**

1. **Write true or false:**
2. A typhoon caused great destruction in China in 1984. **TRUE**
3. The tree that fell had survived the bombing of Hiroshima. **TRUE**
4. Dr Yamano pressed his hand against the tree to feel the heat in the tree. **FALSE**
5. Many trees became lifeless after the Second World War. **TRUE**
6. People tie straw ropes around trees to make them stand after they fall. **FALSE**
7. Dr Yamano believed that trees had souls. **TRUE**
8. **Answer these questions:**
9. **Why did the tree fall?**

**Ans**: The tree fell because of a typhoon.

1. **Why was this ‘no ordinary tree’?**

**Ans**: This was not an ordinary tree as it had survived the bombing of Hiroshima.

1. **Who was called to tend to the tree?**

**Ans**: Dr Yamano, the tree doctor, was called to tend to the tree.

1. **What made the doctor say that the tree would live?**

**Ans**: He pressed his hands on the tree and felt that there was moisture inside it. Hence, he said that it would live.

1. **How did the tree doctor bring the tree back to life?**

**Ans**: He cut off the damaged parts, cleaned the tree with a brush, filled in the cracks with earth and gave it an injection of medicine and nutrients. Soon, the tree came back to life.

1. **How were damaged trees taken care of before Dr Yamano used his method?**

**Ans**: Earlier, the cracks of trees used to be filled with concrete.

1. **Answer these questions with reference to the context:**
2. ***Braving the wind and rain, people ran from their homes to see what had happened.***
3. **Where did this incident take place?**
4. **Why did the people run out of their houses?**
5. **What did the people see when they went out of their homes?**
6. **What action did the people take after they saw what was outside their homes?**

**Ans**:

1. The incident took place in Hiroshima.
2. They ran out when they heard a loud crack outside their homes.
3. They saw a huge Chinese nettle on the ground, split into two four meters above the root.
4. They called the tree doctor, Dr Tadahiko Yamano.
5. ***Many years before, it had survived an even greater disaster.***
6. **What does ‘it’ refer to in this line?**
7. **What disaster had ‘it’ survived?**
8. **What kind of disaster did it face now?**
9. **How had ‘it’ managed to survive the ‘even greater disaster’?**

**Ans**:

1. It refers to the huge Chinese nettle tree.
2. It had survived the bombing of Hiroshima.
3. It faced a strong typhoon and split into two.
4. It had survived due to the efforts of the children of Motomachi Elementary School.
5. ***But his methods worked! Many old trees revived and put forth new buds.***
6. **Whose methods are referred to in these lines?**
7. **What is the method being referred to?**
8. **What kind of method was used before the one mentioned in this line?**
9. **Where was the earlier method invented?**

**Ans**:

1. Dr Yamano's methods are referred to here.
2. The method of filling the cracks of trees with earth instead of concrete is being referred to.
3. Before Dr Yamano popularised this method, cracks were filled with concrete.
4. The earlier method was invented in Europe.