

Boab

Question 1: The boab is often referred to as a bottle tree because it

- a) contains water.
- b) can survive dry periods.
- c) is shaped like a bottle.
- d) flowers just before the monsoon season.

Question 2: Which statement about boabs in Derby is correct?

- a) Boabs have been reduced in numbers by fire and drought.
- b) Boabs are protected and efforts are made to maintain their numbers.
- c) Boabs are purposely propagated along boundary lines between properties.
- d) Boabs that die during the dry season are removed by European settlers.

Question 3: The text is most likely intended to

- a) arouse sympathy for the plight of the boab tree.
- b) develop awareness of the cultural significance of boabs for Aboriginal people.
- c) encourage visitors to the region not to damage or remove boabs.
- d) be informative and arouse curiosity about an Australian oddity.

Question 4: According to one Aboriginal legend the boabs

- a) must be dedicated to a religious purpose.
- b) were planted upside down.
- c) are a source of water in the dry season.
- d) were brought to Australia from Africa.

Question 5: Australian boabs are thought to be mysterious because

- a) they can grow upside down.
- b) they know when the seasons change.
- c) they have no leaves during the dry season.
- d) their origin is a source of conjecture.

Question 6: The conditions in the northwest corner of the Australian continent could be described as

- a) extreme and predictable.
- b) unpredictable and changeable.
- c) irregular and excessive.
- d) unreliable and unsettled.

Question 7: The boab is called the calendar tree because it

- a) only lives for a year.
- b) is covered in green foliage during the wet season.
- c) flowers just before the monsoons start.
- d) changes its appearance through the seasons.