

SAINIK SCHOOL GOPALGANJ

Chapter: Glimpses of India

1. Read the extracts and answer the questions that follow in a line or two:

(i) We kids would be pushed aside with a mild rebuke and the loaves would be delivered to the servant. But we would not give up. We would climb a bench or the parapet and peep into the basket, somehow. I can still recall the typical fragrance of those loaves. Loaves for the elders and the bangles for the children.

- (a) Who are 'we' in the extract?
- (b) Why were the children pushed aside?
- (c) Which word/phrase in the extract means the same as 'an expression of disapproval/a scolding'?
- (d) What was there in the basket?

(ii) Evergreen rainforests cover thirty percent of this district. During the monsoons, it rains enough to keep many visitors away. The season of joy commences from September and continues till March. The weather is perfect, with some showers thrown in for good measure. The air breathes of invigorating coffee. Coffee estates and colonial bungalows stand tucked under tree canopies in prime corners.

- (a) Why is the monsoon season not the best time to visit Coorg ?
- (b) What is the best period for the visitors?
- (c) Which word in the passage means the same as 'starts'?
- (d) Which plantation is 'Popular'?

(iii) It was a magnificent view. Against the backdrop of densely wooded hills, a sea of tea bushes stretched as far as the eye could see. Dwarfing the tiny tea plants were tall sturdy shade-trees and amidst the orderly rows of bushes busily moved doll-like figures. In the distance was an ugly building with smoke billowing out of tall chimneys. 'Hey, a tea garden!' Rajvir cried excitedly.

- (a) What have the tea plantations been compared to?
- (b) What are the dolls like figures referred to here?
- (c) Why was Rajvir excited?
- (d) Which word in the passage means the same as 'splendid'?

2. Answer these questions in not more than 30 words:

- (i) What are the elders in Goa nostalgic about?
- (ii) When would the baker come every day? Why did the children run to meet him?
- (iii) How has the Coorgi tradition of courage and bravery recognised in modern India?
- (iv) Describe Coorg's weather. When is it most pleasant for the tourists to visit Coorg?
- (v) 'This is a tea country now'. Explain this with reference to Assam.
- (vi) Why did Pranjol's father say that Rajvir had done his homework before visiting Assam?

3. Answer the question in 100-120 words:

(i) You are Sohan/Sheela. You have just read the chapter 'Glimpses of India' and come to know about traditional Bakers of Goa. Write a letter to your friend to describe the childhood memories of the author's time in Goa and his fondness for breads and cakes?

(ii) 'Coorg' seems to share a lot of historical perspectives. Write a paragraph how knowing such kind of historical knowledge is important for us?

(ii) Rajvir seemed to have a lot of information about tea. What all does he tell? What character trait about him is revealed? Is it essential for children?
