
CLASS –X ENGLISH
NCERT SOLUTIONS-First Flight
Glimpses of India

Answers

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Answer1: The elders in Goa were nostalgic about the good old Portuguese days, the Portuguese, and their famous loaves of bread.

Answer2: Yes, bread-making is still popular in Goa. The author has described about the existence of time-old furnaces and their still burning fire. The Goan society is still having moulders, bread mixers and bakers.

Answer3: The bakers are known as *pader*.

Answer4: The baker came twice every day, once when he set out in the morning on his selling round, and then again, when he returned after emptying his huge basket. The children ran to meet him not because of their love of the loaf, which was bought by the maid-servant of the house. They actually longed for the bread-bangles, which they chose carefully. Sometimes, it was a sweet bread of special make.

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Answer1:

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| (i) as marriage gifts? | - | sweet bread called bol |
| (ii) for a party or a feast? | - | bread |
| (iii) for a daughter's engagement | - | sandwiches |
| (iv) for Christmas | - | cakes and bolinhas |

Answer2: (i) In the Portuguese days, the bakers had a peculiar dress known as the *kabai*. It was a single-piece long frock reaching down to the knees.

(ii) When the author was young, he saw the bakers wearing a shirt and trousers, which were shorter than full-length ones and longer than half pants.

Answer3: Anyone who wears a half-pant which reaches just below the knees invites the comment that "he is dressed like a *pader*". This was so because the bakers were known as *pader* and they wore such half pants.

Answer4: The monthly accounts of the baker were recorded on some wall in pencil.

Answer5: A 'jackfruit-like appearance' means a plump physique. Such a physique was linked to the bakers because they never starved. Baking was a profitable profession. The baker, his family, and his servants always looked happy and prosperous and had a 'jackfruit-like appearance'.

Answer1: (i) Correct

(ii) Correct

(iii) Incorrect. The paders still exist in Goan villages.

(iv) Incorrect. The paders wear shirts, and trousers that are shorter than full-length ones and longer than half pants.

(v) Incorrect. Bread and cakes are still an integral part of Goan life.

(vi) Correct

(vii) Incorrect. Baking is still a very profitable business in Goa.

Answer2: Bread is an important part of Goan life. Marriage gifts are meaningless without the sweet bread known as the bol. For a party, bread is a must, while for Christmas, cakes and bolinhas are a must. Sandwiches must be prepared by the lady of the house on her daughter's engagement. The author says that everybody loves the fragrance of loaves. The elders were given loaves and the children were given bread-bangles, which they longed for. Also, the fact that bakery is a profitable profession shows that the love for bread is enormous in Goa.

Answer3: (i) Nostalgic

(ii) Nostalgic

(iii) Nostalgic

(iv) Funny

(v) Matter-of-fact

(vi) Matter-of-fact

Page No: 92 Thinking about the Text

Answer1: Coorg is the smallest district of Karnataka, located midway between Mysore and Mangalore.

Answer2: It is believed that Kodavu people are of Arabic origin. It is said that some of Alexander's army men moved to south and settled there. Their costume, martial practices and marriage rituals also point to the fact that they are from Arabic origin.

Answer3: (i) The people of Coorg are fiercely independent. They are of Greek or Arabic descent. They have a tradition of hospitality. They enjoy recounting numerous tales of valour related to their sons and fathers. Kodavus are the only people in India permitted to carry firearms without a license. The author has described the people of Coorg as a proud race of martial men and beautiful women.

(ii) Coffee is the main crop of Coorg. The coffee estates stand tucked under tree canopies in prime corners.

(iii) The sports that Coorg offers to tourists are river rafting, canoeing, rappelling, rock climbing, mountain biking, and trekking.

(iv) The animals that one is likely to see in Coorg are birds, bees, butterflies, macaques, Malabar squirrels, langurs, loris, and wild elephants.

(v) The distance between Coorg and Bangalore is around 260 km. There are two routes to Coorg from Bangalore and both are of the same distance. The most frequented route is the one via Mysore. The other route is via Neelamangal, Kunigal, and Chanrayanapatna.

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Answer4: (i) keep many visitors away
(ii) as one story goes
(iii) are more than willing to recount
(iv) the most laidback individuals become converts to
(v) draws support from
(vi) keep a watchful eye

Thinking about the Language

Answer1:

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| (i) | culture | : | unique culture, ancient culture |
| (ii) | monks | : | serious monks |
| (iii) | surprise | : | unique surprise, terrible surprise, unforgettable surprise |
| (iv) | experience | : | unique experience, terrible experience, unforgettable experience |
| (v) | weather | : | terrible weather |
| (vi) | tradition | : | unique tradition, ancient tradition |

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Answer2: From the text

- (i) tales of valour
- (ii) coastal town
- (iii) a piece of heaven
- (iv) evergreen rainforests
- (v) coffee plantations
- (vi) rope bridge
- (vii) wild elephants

Other than the text

- (i) tales of morality
- (ii) coastal food
- (iii) a piece of cake
- (iv) evergreen hero
- (v) crop plantations
- (vi) sturdy bridge
- (vii) wild beasts

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- Answer1:** (i) A heavy downpour has been forecast due to low pressure in the Bay of Bengal.
(ii) Rakesh will undergo major surgery tomorrow morning.
(iii) My brother is responsible for the upkeep of our family property.
(iv) The dropout rate for this accountancy course is very high.
(v) She went to the Enterprise Company to attend a walk-in interview.

- Answer2:** (i) The Army attempted unsuccessfully to overthrow the Government.
(ii) Scientists are on the brink of a major breakthrough in cancer research.
(iii) The State Government plans to build a by-pass for Bhubaneswar to speed up traffic on the main highway.
(iv) Gautama's outlook on life changed when he realized that the world is full of sorrow.
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(v) Rakesh seemed unusually downcast after the game.

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Answer1: (i) a good detective serial on television? Interesting
(ii) a debate on your favourite topic 'Homework Should Be Banned'? Exciting
(iii) how you feel when you stay indoors due to incessant rain? Bored
(iv) how you feel when you open a present? Excited
(v) how you feel when you watch your favourite programme on television? Interested
(vi) the look on your mother's face as you waited in a queue? Tired
(vii) how you feel when tracking a tiger in a tiger reserve forest? Thrilled
(viii) the story you have recently read, or a film you have seen? Boring
