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Class 10 English (First Flight) Notes

Glimpses of India

Key Notes and Important Questions with Answers

Ch-7 :Glimpses of India
I - A Baker From Goa

-- Elders reminiscing about old days.

-- The tradition of baking is still alive.

-- Fathers might not be there - but sons still carry on the profession.

-- Nostalgic about childhood days ___ writer remembers the baker.

-- The baker was a friend and companion.

-- Used to make us up with the jingling sound of thud.

-- Baker would enter with a jhang jhang sound with a basket on his head.

-- Marriages and ceremonies were meaningless with out bakers.

-- The presence of a bake was absolutely essential in every village.

-- Baker's was a profitable profession _ used to collect bills at the end of the month.

Synonyms.

1.	Reminiscing	--	remembering
2.	extinguished	--	vanish
3.	heralding	--	announcing
4.	testimony	--	proof
5.	nostalgically	--	feeling happy and also slightly sad while thinking about things of past or childhood.

Glimpses of India
II - Tea From Assam

-- Pranjal, a young boy from Assam _ Rajvir's classmate.

-- Pranjal visiting his home during holidays, also invited Rajvir to accompany him

-- They saw a lot of people enjoying tea in the train _____ tea very popular drink in the world.

-- Rajvir _____ enjoying beautiful scene _____ over excited to see so much greenery.

-- Pranjal did not share the excitement as he was born and brought up on a plantation.

-- Legends about origin of tea.

* It was discovered when a chinese emperor was boiling water and some leaves from a plant fall accidently in it___ and it smelled and tasted good.

* Bodhidharma _ an ancient Buddhist ___ cut off his eye lids so that he would not feel sleepy. It is said tea leaves originated from his eye lids.

* The word chai come from chini - chinese.

* Earlier it was taken as a medicine more than a beverage.

* Pranjal and Rajvir reached the tea garden managed by Pranjals father.

* Saw acre of tea bushes _ group of tea pluckers with bamboo basket on their back plucking newly sprouted leaves.

Synonyms.

1. Sturdy -- hard, strong
2. legend -- Stories

Glimpses of India
III - Coorg

-- situated between Mysore and Coastal town Manglore.

-- inhabited by proud race of martial men _ beautiful women and wild creature.

-- a coffee country _ famous for its rainforest and spices.

-- people of Greek or Arabic descent.

-- Very hospitable and friendly people.

-- coorg regiment _ one of the most decorated in the Indian army.

-- large number of kingfisher found in the river Kaveri

-- squirrels and langoors enjoy playing with partially eaten fruits.

-- birds, bees, butterfly, macaques, malabar squirrels, slender loris. etc found.

-- panoramic view of the entire landscape from Brahmagiri hills can be seen.

-- offers mountain skiing, rock climbing, river rafting and conoeing to tourist.

Synonyms.

1.	Invigorating	--	fresh smell
2.	Valour	--	bravery
3.	ripple	--	stream
4.	laid back	--	easily, comfortable
5.	robes	--	Dresses.

Glimpses of India
I - A Baker From Goa

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Passages for Comprehension

1. Our elders are often heard reminiscing nostaigically about those good old Portuguese days, the Portuguese and there famous loaves of bread.

   a) What are elders nostalgi about?

   -- The elders are nostalgic about Portuguese and their loaves of bread.

2. How do they remember it?

   -- They remember about it fondly.

3. Find a word in the passage that means opposite to 'Seldom"

   -- Often.

II. During our childhood in Goa, the baker used to be our friend, companion and guide. He used to come at least twice a day.

Q.1 How do the children look upon the baker?

Q.2 Who enjoys an important place in the lives of Goan people?

Q.3 Find the word in the passage that means 'two times'.

III. Marriage gifts are meaningless without the sweet bread known as 'bol', just as a party or a feast loses its charm without bread. Not enough can be said to show how important a baker can be for a village.

Q.1 What was the role of bread in the life of the Goans?

Q.2 Why is a baker important to the people of a village.

Q.3 Find out the word in the passage that means opposite to 'significant'?

Q.4 What was commonly gifted on a marriage?

Short Answer Questions

Q.1 How do the Goan people react to their colonial past.

Ans. The Goan people are quite attached to their colonial past under the Portuguese rule. They still remember those days as the good old Portuguese days and their famous loaves of bread.

Q.2 Why would the baker come everyday? What announced his arrival?

Ans. The baker would came everyday to deliver loaves of bread to the house. He would carry the traditional bamboo staff and its 'Jhang Jhang' sound would announce his arrival.

Q.3 How was baking a profitable profession?

Q.4 What importance does a baker enjoy in a Goan Village?

COORG
Passages for Comprehension

I. Midway between mysore and coastal town of Manglore sits a piece of heaven that must have drifted from kingdom of God.

Q.1 Where is Coorg located?

Ans. It is situated between Mysore and the coastal town of Manglore.

Q.2 Why is coorg compared to heaven?

Ans. Coorg is compared to heaven becuase of its natural beauty.

Q.3 Find a word from the passage that means 'separated?

Ans. Drifted

II. During the monsoons, it pours 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 good measures.

1. How much rain does the area receive during the monsoons?
2. When is the best time to visit Coorg?
3. Find a word from the passage that means 'starts or begins'?
4. Find a phrase from the passage which means the same as abundant.

III. The fiercely independent people of coorg are possibly of Greek or Arabic descent. As one story goes a part of Alexander's army moved South along the coast and settled here when return became impractical.

Q.1 What is the nature of the people of Coorg?

Q.2 Whose descendents are the people of coorg?

Q.3 Find a word from the passage that means 'origin'?

Q.4 Why didn't they return?

Short Answer Questions

Q.1 Describe coorg in about 40-50 words.

Ans. Coong is a place blessed by nature. It is surrounded by beautiful hills of Brahmagiri. It is covered with evergreen forests and receive heavy rainfall. Many animals and birds live in these forests. It is famous for its coffee.

Q.2 Write two characteristics of people of coorg.

Ans. The people of Coorg are fiercely independent and brave. Coorgi houses have a tradition of hospitality. The coorg regiment is the most decorated in the Indian army. They feel proud sharing the courageous tasks of their sons and fathers.

Q.3 What attracts visitors to Coorg?

Q.4 What are the various stories regarding the origin of Kodarus People?

Passages for Comprehension
Tea From Assam

I. Rajvir too was an ardent fan of detective stories, but at the moment he was keener on looking at the beautiful scenery.

Q.1 What did Rajvir like to read about?

Ans. Rajvir liked to read detective stories.

Q.2. Where was Rajvir going to with his friend?

Ans. He is going to Pranjal's home is Assam.

Q.3. What does the word 'Keener' here means?

Ans. It means 'more interested'.

II. 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.

Q.1 What does "the doll-like figures", refer to here?

Q.2 Why is the building called ugly?

Q.3 What scene is described here?

Q.4 Find a word which means the same as in the middle of.

III. Tea was first drunk in China, "Rajvir added, "as far back as 2700 Bc. In fact words such as tea, chai and 'chini are from Chinese. Tea came to Europe only in the sixteenth century and was drunk more as medicine than as beverage?

Q.1 Who is the speaker here?

Q.2 Where was tea discovered?

Q.3 What does the word 'beverage' Mean?

Q.4 When did Tea come to Europe?

Short Questions

Q.1 Where was Rajvir going ? Why

Ans. Rajvir was going to Pranjal's house in Assam. Pranjal has invited him to spend the summer vacations with him at his house moreover, Rajvir was interested to know about the tea garden in Assam. So he was going to Assam.

Q.2 What excited Rajvir? Why did pranjal not share his excitement?

Ans. Rajvir had never seen a tea garden before. So the sight of tea garden excited him. But Pranjal has been born and brought up in the tea plantation. He had seen them many times. So he did not share Rajvir's excitement.

Q.3 What are the various legends regarding the origin of tea?