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**Class: X**

**Subject: English**

**Topic: Glimpses of India (First Flight)**

**Answer the following questions:**

Q1. What did the bakers wear: (i) in the Portuguese days? (ii) when the author was young?

Ans. (i) in the Portuguese days, the bakers had a peculiar dress known as Kabai. It was a single- piece long frock, reaching down to the knees.

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

Q2. What does 'jackfruit-like appearance' mean?

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

Q3. The people of Coorg have a tradition of courage and bravery. How has it been recognised in modern India?

Ans. Coorg is inhabited by a proud race of martial men and beautiful men. They are fiercely independent people of Greek or Arabic descent. These people are very hospitable and entertain their guests by recounting tales of valour of their sons and fathers. The Coorg regiment is one of the most decorated ones in the Indian army, and the first Chief of the Indian Army, General Cariappa, was a Coorgi. Coorgis are the only people who are permitted to carry firearms without a licence in the country even now.

Q4. How does Rajvir describe the tea-garden at Dhekiabari?

Ans. On both sides of the gravel- road were acres and acres of neatly pruned tea bushes. It was the second sprouting period. Women wearing plastic aprons were plucking new tea leaves and putting them in the bamboo baskets.

Q5. How can you say that tea was first drunk in China?

Ans. There is an ancient legend about the discovery of tea. A Chinese emperor had the habit of drinking boiled water. One day, a few leaves from the twigs burning under the pot fell into the water that was being boiled. It gave a delicious flavour to the water. It is said that those were the tea leaves and that was the first tea. It is thus, believed that tea was first drunk in China.

Q6. What was the Indian legend about the discovery of tea?

Ans. An Indian legend goes like this. Once, there was a Buddhist, ascetic Bodhidharma who used to feel sleepy during meditations. So, he cut off his eyelids. Ten tea plants grew out of the eyelids. When the leaves of these plants were put in hot water and drunk, they banished sleep.



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Q7. After reading the story 'A Baker from Goa', do you think our traditions, heritage, values and practices are the roots that nourish us? Why/Why not?

Ans. A Baker from Goa' highlights the importance of the traditional practice of making breads for every occasion and festival of the Goan people. This tradition continues even today. This shows how our traditional practices can link us to our past and heritage.

Traditional values shape our personality and also provide us emotional support. They enable us to face difficult situations and make us mentally strong. Traditional practices also have an impact on our behavioural pattern towards the other people in society.

Q8. What does the writer say about the natural beauty of Coorg?

Ans. Coorg is situated in Karnataka midway between Mysore and the coastal town of Mangalore. It looks like a piece of heaven that must have drifted from the kingdom of God. This is a land of rolling hills. It is home to evergreen rainforests, spices, and coffee plantations. Evergreen forests cover thirty per cent of Coorg district. The river Kaveri flows through Coorg. Big elephants are also found here. Birds, bees, and butterflies are there to give the visitor's company. The climb to the Brahmagiri hills brings (the visitors) a panoramic view of the entire misty landscape of Coorg. It is said that the people searching for the heart and soul of India find many surprises, in Coorg.

