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Glimpses of India

Extract Based Questions

1. Marriage gifts are meaningless without the sweet bread known as the 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.

i. Why do you think bread holds such a significant place in the cultural and social events of the village? Answer in about 40 words.

Answer: Bread holds a significant place in the village's cultural and social events because it symbolises tradition, community, and celebration. It brings people together that strengthens social bonds.

ii. State True or False.

None of the terms (a)-(d) can be applied to the statement — “Marriage gifts are meaningless without the sweet bread known as the bol.”

(a) A tradition – a long-established custom or belief

(b) A necessity – something essential or indispensable

(c) An exaggeration – something as better or worse than it really is

(d) An opinion – a view or judgement formed about something

Answer: False

Reason: The statement can be considered an opinion (d) as it reflects a judgement about the importance of bread in cultural events.

iii. The villagers' deep appreciation for bread at events indicates their strong sense of _____.

Answer: tradition/ culture/ heritage/ custom/ community/ belonging or any other similar response.

iv. Why is the baker considered so important to the village?

Answer: He provides essential bread for all significant celebrations.

2. 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.

i. Why are the people of Coorg known for their fierce independence?

Answer: The people of Coorg might be independent because of their Greek or Arabic ancestors, who were strong and proud. This heritage likely gave them their strong sense of identity and independence.

ii. State True or False.

None of the terms (a)-(d) can be applied to the statement — “The fiercely independent people of Coorg are possibly of Greek or Arabic descent.”

(a) A hypothesis – a proposed explanation for a phenomenon

(b) An observation – a statement about what you notice

(c) A myth – a traditional story about history



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(d) A fact – a thing that is known or proved to be true

Answer: False.

Reason: The term (a) A hypothesis can be applied to the statement as it suggests a possible explanation for the descent of the people of Coorg.

iii. The story about Alexander's army suggests the people of Coorg have a _____ heritage.

Answer: diverse/ rich/ mixed/ ancient/ unique or any other similar response

iv. How does the story of Alexander's army make Coorg more interesting?

Answer: It adds a sense of ancient and diverse heritage.

Answer the following in 30-40 words:

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

2. Where was tea first drunk? When did tea come to Europe?

3. How would you prove that baking was a profitable profession in the old days in Goa?

4. How has the tradition of courage and bravery been recognised in modern India? Give examples from the text.

Answers:

1. 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.

2. It is believed that tea was first drunk in China in 2700 B.C. Words like 'chai' and 'chini' are Chinese. Tea came to Europe in the sixteenth century. At first, it was used more as a medicine than as a beverage.

3. Baking was quite a profitable profession in Goa in the old days. The baker and his family never starved. Even his servants could meet both the ends easily. He and his family always looked happy and prosperous. Their plump physique was an open testimony of their happiness and prosperity.

4. The people of Coorg are known for being fiercely independent, brave and courageous. There are numerous tales of valour connected with the people of Coorg. The Coorg Regiment is one of the most decorated regiments in the Indian Army. The first Chief of the Indian Army, General Cariappa, was a Coorgi. The Coorgis are the only people in India who are permitted to carry firearms without a license.