
CBSE Class 10 English Language and Literature
NCERT Solutions
First Flight 7
Glimpses of India

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1. What are the elders in Goa nostalgic about?

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

2. Is bread-making still popular in Goa? How do you know?

Ans: 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.

3. What is the baker called?

Ans: The baker is called a *pader*.

4. When would the baker come everyday? Why did the children run to meet him?

Ans: The baker would come 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, but because they actually longed for the bread-bangles which sometimes, was a sweet bread of special make.

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1. Match the following. What is a must

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

(iv)	for Christmas?	sandwiches
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Ans:

(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

2. 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 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.

3. Who invites the comment – “he is dressed like a *pader*”? Why?

Ans: 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.

4. Where were the monthly accounts of the baker recorded?

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

5. What does a ‘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. Baking was apparently a profitable profession. The baker, his family, and his servants always looked happy and prosperous and had a ‘jackfruit-like appearance’.

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1. Which of these statements are correct?

(i) The *pader* was an important person in the village in old times.

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- (ii) Paders still exist in Goan villages.
 - (iii) The paders went away with the Portuguese.
 - (iv) The paders continue to wear a single-piece long frock.
 - (v) Bread and cakes were an integral part of Goan life in the old days.
 - (vi) Traditional bread-baking is still a very profitable business.
 - (vii) Paders and their families starve in the present times.

Ans: (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.

2. Is bread an important part of Goan life? How do you know this?

Ans: 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.

3. Tick the right answer. What is the tone of the author when he says the following?

(i) The thud and the jingle of the traditional baker's bamboo can still be heard in some places. (nostalgic, hopeful, sad)

(ii) Maybe the father is not alive but the son still carries on the family profession. (nostalgic, hopeful, sad)

(iii) I still recall the typical fragrance of those loaves. (nostalgic, hopeful, naughty)

(iv) The tiger never brushed his teeth. Hot tea could wash and clean up everything so nicely, after all. (naughty, angry, funny)

(v) Cakes and bolinhas are a must for Christmas as well as other festivals. (sad, hopeful, matter-of-fact)

(vi) The baker and his family never starved. They always looked happy and prosperous. (matter-of-fact, hopeful, sad)

Ans: (i)Nostalgic

(ii) Nostalgic

(iii) Nostalgic

(iv) Funny

(v)Matter-of-fact

(vi)Matter-of-fact

II. Coorg

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1. Where is Coorg?

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

2. What is the story about the Kodavu people's descent?

Ans: 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.

3. What are some of the things you now know about

(i) the people of Coorg?

(ii) the main crop of Coorg?

(iii) the sports it offers to tourists?

(iv) the animals you are likely to see in Coorg?

(v) its distance from Bangalore, and how to get there?

Ans: (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. From Mysore, it is 146 Kms and there is good train connectivity between Mysore and Coorg. From Bangalore, bus services are also available. From the rest of India, anybody can reach Bangalore airport by flight and proceed towards Coorg.

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4. Here are six sentences with some words in italics. Find phrases from the text that have the same meaning. (Look in the paragraphs indicated)

(i) During monsoons it rains so heavily that tourists do not visit Coorg. (para 2)

(ii) Some people say that Alexander's army moved south, along the coast and settled there. (para 3)

(iii) The Coorg people are always ready to tell stories of their sons' and fathers' valour. (para 4)

(iv) Even people who normally lead an easy and slow life get smitten by the high-energy adventure sports of Coorg. (para 6)

(v) The theory of the Arab origin is supported by the long coat with embroidered waist-belt they wear. (para 3)

(vi) Macaques, Malabar squirrels observe you carefully from the tree canopy. (para 7)

Ans: (i) keep many visitors away

(ii) as one story goes

(iii) are more than willing to recount

(iv) the most laid back individuals become converts to

- (v) draws support from
- (vi) keep a watchful eye

Thinking about the Language

1. Here are some nouns from the text.

culture	monks	surprise	experience	weather	tradition
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Work with a partner and discuss which of the nouns can collocate with which of the adjectives given below. The first one has been done for you.

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

Ans:

(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

2. Complete the following phrases from the text. For each phrase, can you find at least one other word that would fit into the blank?

- (i) tales of _____

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- (ii) coastal _____
 - (iii) a piece of _____
 - (iv) evergreen _____
 - (v) _____ plantations
 - (vi) _____ bridge
 - (vii) wild _____

You may add your own examples to this list.

Ans: 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
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(vi) sturdy bridge

(vii) wild beasts

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I. 1. Look at these words: *upkeep, downpour, undergo, dropout, walk-in*. They are built up from a verb (*keep, pour, go, drop, walk*) and an adverb or a particle (*up, down, under, out, in*).

Use these words appropriately in the sentences below. You may consult a dictionary.

(i) A heavy _____ has been forecast due to low pressure in the Bay of Bengal.

(ii) Rakesh will _____ major surgery tomorrow morning.

(iii) My brother is responsible for the _____ of our family property.

(iv) The _____ rate for this accountancy course is very high.

(v) She went to the Enterprise Company to attend a _____ interview.

Ans: (i) A heavy down pour 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.

2. Now fill in the blanks in the sentences given below by combining the verb given in brackets with one of the words from the box as appropriate.

over	by	through	out	up	down
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(i) The Army attempted unsuccessfully to _____ the government. (throw)

(ii) Scientists are on the brink of a major _____ in cancer research. (break)

(iii) The State Government plans to build a _____ for Bhubaneswar to speed up traffic on the main highway. (pass)

(iv) Gautama's _____ on life changed when he realized that the world is full of sorrow. (look)

(v) Rakesh seemed unusually _____ after the game. (cast)

Ans: (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.

(v) Rakesh seemed unusually down cast after the game.

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1. Think of suitable -ing or -ed adjectives to answer the following questions.

How would you describe:

(i) a good detective serial on television?

Ans: Interesting

(ii) a debate on your favorite topic 'Homework Should Be Banned'?

Ans: Exciting

(iii) how you feel when you stay indoors due to incessant rain?

Ans: Bored

(iv) how you feel when you open a present?

Ans: Excited

(v) how you feel when you watch your favorite program on television?

Ans: Interested

(vi) the look on your mother's face as you waited in a queue?

Ans: Tired

(vii) how you feel when tracking a tiger in a tiger reserve forest?

Ans: Thrilled

(viii) the story you have recently read, or a film you have seen?

Ans: Boring
