

Glimpses of India

I. A Baker from Goa

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Meanings

- (1) Heralding - Announcing
- (2) Fragrance - scent
- (3) Plump physique - pleasantly fat body
- (4) Rebuke - an expression of disapproval, a scolding
- (5) Open testimony - public statement about a character or quality

Thinking About the Text

(i) Which of these statements are correct?

- Ans:
- (i) Paders still exist in Goan villages. Correct
 - (ii) The pader was an important person in the village in old times. Correct
 - (iii) The paders went away with the Portuguese. Incorrect
 - (iv) The paders continue to wear a single-piece long frock. Incorrect
 - (v) Bread and cakes were an integral part of Goan life in the old days. Correct
 - (vi) Traditional bread-baking is still a very profitable business. Correct

(2) Is bread an important part of Goan life? do you know this?

Ans:- Yes, bread is an important part of Goan life. It is needed for marriage gifts, parties and feasts. Bread is also used by a mother to prepare sandwiches during her daughter's engagement. Thus, it is necessary in every occasion of Goan life.

(3)

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

(ii)

Maybe the father is not alive but the son still carries on the family profession. hopeful.

(iii)

The tiger never brushed his teeth. Hot tea could wash and clean up everything so nicely. after all - funny.

(iv)

I still recall the typical fragrance of those loaves. nostalgic

(v)

cakes and bolinhas are a must for Christmas as well as other festivals. matter of fact

(vi)

the baker and his family never starved. always looked happy and prosperous. matter of fact