

**1. Read the given extract and answer the questions that follow.** $1 \times 4 = 4$ 

Coorg, or Kodagu, the smallest district of Karnataka, is home to evergreen rainforests, spices and coffee plantations. Evergreen rainforests cover thirty per cent of this district. 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 for good measure. The air breathes of invigorating coffee. Coffee estates and colonial bungalows stand tucked under tree canopies in prime corners.

(a) Why are there less visitors in Coorg during the monsoon season?

Ans. Due to heavy rain during the monsoon season, there are less visitors in that time.

(b) What is the best time period for the tourists?

Ans. September to March is the best time period for the tourists.

(c) Describe the weather from September to March.

Ans. From sept-march, the weather is perfect to enjoy, the air breathes of invigorating coffee and is very good for vacation.

(d) Which word in the above lines means the same as 'refreshing'?

Ans. "invigorating"

**2. Answer the following questions in about 30-40 words each.** $2 \times 4 = 8$ 

(a) Where is Coorg situated and what type of people inhabit this land of rolling hills?

Ans. Coorg district is situated between the towns of Mysore and Mangalore of Karnataka state. The fiercely independent people of Greek and Arab region inhabit this land of rolling hills.

(b) What kind of stories are the Coorg people always ready to tell?

Ans. Coorg people are always ready to tell the tales of valour, bravery and courage related to their sons and fathers.

(c) Why are the people of Coorg known as descendants of the Arabs?

Ans. The people of Coorg are known as the descendants of the Arabs as they wear an embroidered waist band, long black coat which is called as Kuppia.

(d) Why has Coorg been referred to as 'a piece of heaven drifted from the kingdom of God'?

Ans. Because of its natural beauty, evergreen forest, rolling hills, coffee plantations and spice trees.

3. Answer the following question in about 100-150 words.

How do Coorg's location, people and natural features add to the diversity of India?

Ans. They are peace loving people but are fiercely great warriors. They provided so many finest soldiers to the Indian Army. It comprises of abundant evergreen rainforests, rolling hills, pleasant weather, coffee plantation and the view overall is beautiful. The people are diversified and they can speak several local language like Kannada, Kodagu, Hindi etc. It is an incredible tourist place.