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(I) A Baker From Goa

1. What are the evidens in Goa nostalgic about?

A:) The evidens in Goa are nostalgic about good old Portuguese days.

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

A:) Yes, bread-making is still popular in Goa. This is very clear from the narrator's statement that Portuguese have gone away but the traditional bakers and their furnances are still exist in Goa.

3. What is baker called?

A:) The baker is called Baker in Goa.

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

A:) The baker would come twice a day, once early in the morning and the second time when he returned with all his bread.

ORAL COMPREHENSION :

1 Match the following.

- A:) (i) as marriage gifts - sweet bread
- (ii) For a party a feast - bread
- (iii) For a daughter's engagement - sandwiches
- (iv) For christmas - cakes and bunnies

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

A. The bakers usually wore a peculiar dress called kabai.

(ii) When the author was young, he saw the bakers wearing a shirt and trousers.

Q. Who invites the comment "he is dressed like a pader?" Why?

A. Any person who is wearing a half pant which reaches just below the knees invites this comment.

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

a) The monthly accounts of the baker were recorded on some wall in house with a pencil.

5. What does a 'jackfruit like appearance' mean?

a) It means having a plump physique, like a jackfruit. Such a physique was linked to bakers because they never starved.

THINKING ABOUT THE TEXT :

1. Which of these statements are correct?

- a) (i) Correct (ii) Correct
- (iii) Incorrect (iv) Correct
- (v) Correct (vi) Incorrect
- (vii) Incorrect

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

A) Yes, bread is an important
part of Goon life. We
know this as it is needed
for marriage gifts, preparing
sandwiches.

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

A) (i) Nostalgic (iv) Funny
(ii) Hopeful (v) Master of fact
(iii) Nostalgic (vi) Master of fact