

Ch-7 Glimpse of India

A Baker from Goa

Oral Comprehension check

1. What are the elders in Goa nostalgic about?

A The elders in Goa are nostalgic about the good old Portuguese days & their love of bread & loaves. The writer says that the eaters of loaves have left but makers still exist.

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 the eaters have gone away leaving the makers behind. There are mixers, moulds & ovens who bakes the loaves. The time tested furnaces still exist there.

3. What is the baker called?

A The baker is called a pader in Goa.

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

A The baker would come twice a day once early in the morning & the second time when he returned after selling his stuff. The children would run to meet him as they wanted to have bread-bangles.

Q5. Match

(i) As marriage gifts - sweet bread called bol

(ii) For a party or a feast - bread

(iii) For a daughter's engagement - lodunichas

(iv) For Christmas - cakes & bolinhos

Q6. What did the baker wear?

(i) In the Portuguese days

A The bakers were usually dressed up in a peculiar dress called kaban. It was a single piece long tunic reaching down to the knees.

(ii) Whom the author used young
A. During his childhood days, the author saw the bakers wearing a shirt & trousers which were shorter than full length ones & longer than half pants.

Q7. Who invites the comment - "he is dressed like a pader" why?

A. Any person who is wearing a half pants which reaches just below the knee invites this comment. This is because the baker, known as a pader, used to dress like that.

Q8. Where were the monthly accounts of the baker recorded?

A. Monthly accounts of the baker were recorded on some wall in the house with a pencil.

Q9. What does a 'jackfruit-like appearance' mean?

A. It means having physique, like a jackfruit.

Thinking about The text

- Q1. Which of the statements are correct?
- (i) The padre was an important person in the village in old times.
A Correct
- (ii) Padres still exist in Green villages.
A Correct
- (iii) The padres went away with the Portuguese.
A Incorrect
- (iv) The padres continue to wear a single piece long frock.
A Incorrect
- (v) Bread & cakes were an integral part of Green life in the old days.
A Correct
- (vi) Traditional bread-baking is still a very profitable business.
A Correct

7. Padmas & Their families share in the present times

A. Incest

Q2. Is bread an important part of her life? How do you know this?

A. Yes, bread is an important part of her life. It is needed for marriage gifts, parties & feasts. Bread is also needed by a mother for preparing sandwiches during her daughter's engagements. It is necessary to have bread for every occasion, because of which the presence of a baker's furnace in villages is very imp.

Q3. Tick the correct answers

- (i) The thread of the tale of traditional baker's bonbon is still to be heard in some places. Are - Nostalgic
- (ii) Maybe the father is not alive but the son still carries on the family profession. Are - Hopeful
- (iii) I still recall the typical fragrance of those loaves. Are - Nostalgic

(iv) The tiger never bunched his teeth. Hot tea could wash & clear up everything so nicely & afford all. Art - funny

(v) Cakes & biscuits are a must for Christmas as well as other festivals, Art - Matter of fact

(vi) The baker and his family never starved. They always looked happy & prosperous, Art - Matter of fact