

# 11 COORG

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① Where is Coorg?

Ans - Coorg or Kodagu is the smallest district of Karnataka. It is smallest midway between Mysore and the coastal town of Mangalore.

② What is the story about the Kodava people's descent?

Ans - The fiercely independent people of Coorg are descendants of Greeks or Arabs. A section of Alexander's army moved south along the coast and settled here only when they were unable to return to their country. These people married among the locals. This is the story about the descent of Kodava people.

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

(i) the people of Coorg?

Ans - They are fiercely independent

people of Coorg are possibly of Greek or Arabic descent.

(ii) the main crop of Coorg?

Ans - Coffee is the main crop of Coorg.

(iii) the sports it offers to tourists?

Ans - It mostly offers adventure sports which include river rafting, canoeing, rappelling, rock climbing and mountain biking.

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

Ans - Macaques, Malabar squirrel, langurs, slender loris, elephants etc.

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

Ans - By road, it is around 250-260 km from Bangalore.

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

Ans - to keep visitors away.

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

Ans - As one story goes.

(iii) The coorg people are always ready to tell stories of their son's and father's valor. (Para 4)

Ans - are more than willing to recount

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

Ans - The most laidback individuals become converts to.

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

Ans - draws support from

(vi) Macaques, Malabar Squirrels observe you carefully from the tree canopy. (para 7) - Keep a watchful eye.

## Thinking about Language

- (i) culture - unique culture, ancient culture
- (ii) monks - serious monks, unique monks  
unforgettable surprise.
- (iii) surprise - sudden surprise, unique surprise,  
terrific surprise.
- (iv) experience - unique experience,  
unforgettable experience, terrific experience.
- (v) weather - terrific weather,  
unforgettable weather.
- (vi) tradition - unique tradition,  
ancient tradition.

- (3) (i) tales of valour  
(ii) coastal town  
(iii) a piece of heaven  
(iv) evergreen rainforests  
(v) Coffee plantations  
(vi) Rope plantations  
(vii) wild creatures