

GLIMPSES OF INDIA
II. COORG—Lokesh Abrol
SUBJECT ASSESSMENT
WORKSHEET-99

Name	Class	Roll No.	Time 40 Min.	Max. Marks 20	Marks Obtained
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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. There are less visitors in Coorg during monsoon because it pours too much.

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

Ans. Best time period for tourists is from September till March.

(c) Describe the weather from September to March.

Ans. Weather from September to March is perfect with some showers thrown in for good measure.

(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. Midway between Mysore and the coastal town of Mangalore is where Coorg situated. This land of rolling hills is inhabited by a proud race of martial men, beautiful women and wild creatures.

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

Ans. Coorg homes have a tradition of hospitality and they are always ready to tell the numerous tales of valour of also 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 descendants of the Arabs because of the long black coat worn by them with embroidered waist band. This is called kuppia in Coorg and resembles the kuffia worn by Arabs and Kurds.

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

Ans. Coorg is often referred to as a piece of heaven drifted from the kingdom of God because its natural beauty of its evergreen forests, rolling hills, coffee plantation and spice trees. The freshness of the natural surrounding further enhances the aroma of coffee.

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

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

Ans. Coorg is beautifully located and described as a piece of heaven that must have drifted from the kingdom of God. It has rolling hills with a pollution free river and forests teeming with wildlife. Here, Nature exists in its pristine glory, which adds to the diversity of India. Further, it has coffee and spice plantations, quite different from the rest of India. The local people, the Kodavas, are a martial race. They are well known for their hospitality, just like all Indians. All these features of Coorg add to the diversity of our country.