Glimpses of India – Revision Notes (Class 10 English)

Summary of the Lesson

Glimpses of India is divided into three parts, each describing a different aspect of India's cultural and geographical diversity.

Part I: A Baker from Goa (By Lucio Rodrigues)

- Goa retains its Portuguese influence.
- Bakers, called *pader*, were important in Goan life.
- Bread and sweet bread (bol, sandwiches, cakes) were part of daily and festive occasions.
- Bakers used to carry a bamboo staff, children loved their arrival.
- Baking is still a profitable profession.

Part II: Coorg (By Lokesh Abrol)

- Coorg (Kodagu, Karnataka) is called the "Scotland of India."
- Famous for coffee plantations, evergreen forests, spices, hospitality.
- People are brave, descendants of either Greeks or Arabs.
- Known for their tradition of hospitality and martial valour.
- Many serve in the Indian Army, especially in the Coorg Regiment.
- Wildlife: birds, fish, elephants, langurs.
- Adventure activities: rafting, trekking.

Part III: Tea from Assam (By Arup Kumar Datta)

- Narrated by Rajvir and his classmate Pranjol.
- Assam is the largest tea-producing region in India.
- Tea history: Discovered in China (2700 B.C.), spread to Europe in the 16th century.
- Tea plantations in Assam are scenic and beautiful.
- Tea has become the most popular beverage in the world.



- Cultural diversity of India
- Tradition and modernity
- · Hospitality and community bonding
- Natural beauty of India
- Economic importance of occupations (baking, coffee, tea)

Characters

- The Baker (Goa) → Symbol of Goan tradition, respected in society.
- **People of Coorg** → Brave, hospitable, nature-loving.
- Rajvir → Inquisitive, observant student learning about tea.
- **Pranjol** → From Assam, familiar with tea culture.

Important Incidents

- Daily life and festivals in Goa involving bakers.
- Description of Coorg's geography, people, wildlife, bravery.
- Journey through Assam's tea plantations with Rajvir and Pranjol.

Message of the Lesson

- India is rich in culture, tradition, and diversity.
- Professions like baking, farming, and plantation work are deeply rooted in Indian life.
- Nature and heritage are to be valued and preserved.

🦖 Literary Devices

- Imagery: Descriptions of Goa, Coorg, Assam.
- **Symbolism**: Bread (tradition), Coffee/Tea (India's identity).
- Simile & Metaphor: Coorg called "Scotland of India."

? Short Questions & Answers

- 1. Who is the author of A Baker from Goa?
 - *†* Lucio Rodrigues.
- 2. What was the role of bakers in Goan society?
 - f They supplied bread, cakes, and sweets for daily use and celebrations.
- 3. What is Coorg famous for?
 - *†* Coffee, spices, hospitality, and martial tradition.
- 4. Who are believed to be the ancestors of Coorgis?
 - Greeks or Arabs.
- 5. Which beverage is discussed in *Tea from Assam*?
 - 👉 Tea.
- 6. Who were Rajvir and Pranjol?
 - 👉 Students; Rajvir visited Assam with Pranjol, his friend from a tea estate.

Long Q&A

Q1. Describe the importance of bakers in Goan culture.

Answer: Bakers were central to Goan culture. They provided bread, cakes, and sweets for all occasions—festivals, marriages, and daily meals. The baker, called *pader*, was respected, and children eagerly awaited his arrival. Baking continues to be a profitable profession, preserving Portuguese tradition in Goa.

Q2. Why is Coorg called the 'Scotland of India'?

Answer: Coorg is called the 'Scotland of India' because of its lush green plantations, rolling hills, evergreen forests, and misty landscapes. The hospitable Coorgi people, their bravery, and rich culture add to its unique charm. Adventure sports and biodiversity also make Coorg special.

Q3. What did Rajvir learn about tea during his journey to Assam?

Answer: Rajvir learned that tea was discovered in China in 2700 B.C. and spread worldwide later. Assam is one of the largest tea-producing areas. He was fascinated by the scenic beauty of tea gardens and the cultural importance of tea as the most popular beverage.

Value-Based Q&A

- 1. What values are reflected in Goan tradition of baking?
 - respect for tradition, cultural bonding, joy in community celebrations.

2. What qualities of Coorgis are highlighted?

† Bravery, hospitality, harmony with nature, and service to the nation.

3. What values does tea culture represent?

Fraction Hard work, global cultural exchange, and the importance of nature-based livelihoods.