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**Lesson 7 : Glimpses Of India – Coorg By Lokesh Abrol**

**Coorg is coffee country, famous for its rainforests and spices**

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### Glimpses of India - Coorg Introduction

The lesson gives us a beautiful insight of the smallest district of Karnataka and its people. The place has an amazing weather throughout the year with enough rain during the monsoon season. The people of Coorg are known to be one of the bravest. Coffee is the main crop grown in this region. A variety of animals can be found here while the place is surrounded by beautiful Brahmagiri hills, islands and Tibetan settlements.

### Glimpses of India - Coorg - Summary

The writer describes the hill station of Coorg located in the western ghats in the state of Karnataka. It is located midway between Bengalore and Mangalore. The suitable time to visit Coorg is from September to March. The place is famous for coffee plantations and spices. There are abundant rainforests which cover 30 percent of the area. The Coorgi men are brave warriors who are permitted to keep firearms without a licence due to their trustworthiness. The women of Coorg are pretty. Coorg is also known as Kodavu and the Kodavus, though are Hindus by religion but their customs differ from those of mainstream Hindus. They marry within their community. Kodavus are said to be of Greek or Arabic descent. Some soldiers of Alexander’s army settled there. Also, as the ethnic dress of the Kodavus, Kuppia is similar to the Arab garment Kuffia, it is said that maybe their ancestors were Arabs or Kurds. The river Kaveri originates from Coorg. The fish named Mahaseer is found in the river. Many animals and birds like kingfisher, langur, squirrels and elephants can be spotted along the river. Tourists relax in the serene atmosphere and also enjoy adventure sports like river rafting, canoeing, rappelling, mountain biking, rock climbing and trekking. While trekking on the nature trails, animals like Macaques, Malabar squirrels, langurs and slender loris can be spotted on the trees. The major tourist attractions are Brahmagiri hills, Nisargdham island and Bylakuppe Tibetan settlements. Coorg gives visitors a feel of India’s diverse cultures.

**Word Meanings**

Drifted from- been carried along gently by hair

Martial- having to do with war

Canopies- roof-like coverings made of trees that form a shelter  
Prime- here, best  
Invigorating- strong (here)

Mainstream- a tradition which most people follow

Tales of Valour- stories of courage and bravery, usually in a war  
Descent- origin

Most decorated- having received the maximum number of awards for bravery in a war

Mischief- playful behaviour  
Ripple effect- a small wave or series of waves on the surface of water, especially as caused by a slight breeze or an object dropping into it  
Mahouts- a person who works with, rides, and tends an elephant

Laidback- relaxed, not in a hurry  
Rafting- travelling in a river in a raft (a floating platform made by tying planks together)  
Canoeing- travelling in a river in a canoe (a large, narrow boat)  
Rappelling- going down a cliff by sliding down a rope  
Trails- paths created by walking

**Concept Based Questions**

**Question 1.** From whom have the inhabitants of Coorg descended, as per the legend?

**Question 2.** How has the Coorgi tradition of courage and bravery been recognised in modern India?

**Question 3.** Describe the wildlife of Coorg.

**Question 4.** Describe any two tourist places of Coorg.

**Question 5.** Describe Coorg’s weather. When is it most pleasant for the tourists to visit Coorg?