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

**Concept Based Answers**

**Answer 1:**

As per the legend, a part of Alexander’s army, when retreating from India, went South and settled in Coorg when they found that they could not return home. Then they married among the locals and their descendants are the Kodavus. (the people of Coorg).

**Answer 2:**

The Coorgi tradition of courage and bravery has been recognised by awarding the Coorg Regiment with the most number of gallantry awards. Besides, the Coorgis are the only Indians allowed to carry firearms without a licence.

**Answer 3:**

The wildlife of Coorg consists of animals like macaques, langurs, squirrels, loris and elephants. The birds spotted in Coorg are kingfishers.

**Answer 4:**

The climb of Brahmagiri hills brings into a panoramic view of the entire misty landscape of Coorg. A walk across the rope bridge leads to the 64 acre island of Nisargadhama.

**Answer 5:**

The weather of Coorg is pleasant during the months from September to March. During that time, the weather is perfect with some showers thrown in for good measure. During the monsoon, it receives heavy rainfall.

**Textual Question and Answers**

Q1. Where is Coorg?

**A.** Coorg is the smallest district of Karnataka and is located somewhere between Mysore and the coastal city of Mangalore.

Q2. What is the story about the Kodavu people’s descent?

A. It is said that the Kodavus are of either Greek or Arabic descent. According to one story, a part of Alexander’s army could not return to its homeland and so, settled there. As the traditional dress of the Kodavus, Kuppia is similar to the dress of the Arabs and Kurds, the Kuffia, it is said that probably the Kodavus are descendants of the Arabs.

Q3. What are some of the things you now know about

i) The people of Coorg?

**A.** People of Coorg are known to be descendents of the Greeks or the Arabs. This is because of their dressing style. They are independent and ferocious. They are the bravest soldiers in the Indian Army. At the same time, they are welcoming and are known for their hospitality. They have married amongst their locals and their culture is very different from what is seen in mainstream Hindus.

 ii) The main crop of Coorg?

**A.** Coffee is the main crop of Coorg. During the monsoon season, when the weather is pleasant and the wind is blowing, it carries with it the strong fragrance of coffee. Coffee estates with colonial bungalows are abundant and even provide homestays for visitors to experience the Coorgi way of life.

 iii) The sports it offers to tourists?

**A.** A variety of high-energy adventure activities are offered to tourists like river rafting, canoeing, rappelling, rock climbing and mountain biking. Trekking is also one of the famous activities.

 iv) The animals you are likely to see in Coorg?

**A.** Fishes like Mahaseer are found in the waters of the river Kaveri. Birds like Kingfisher and other animals like squirrels, langurs, butterflies, bees accompany you in this area while wild elephants can be seen enjoying bathing in the rivers. If you are on a trek, Macaques, Malabar squirrels, langurs and slender loris can be spotted on the trees.

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

**A.** Coorg is at a distance of 260 kms from Bangalore. The nearest airports are Mangalore (135 km) and Bangalore (260 km). There are flights to Mangalore from Mumbai, and to Bangalore from Ahmedabad, Chennai, Delhi, Goa, Hyderabad, Kochi, Kolkata, Mumbai and Pune. The nearest railheads are at Mysore, Mangalore and Hassan. There are two routes to Coorg from Bangalore. Both are almost the same distance (around 250-260 km). The route via Mysore is the most frequented one. The other route is via Neelamangal, Kunigal, Chanrayanapatna.

Q4. Here are six sentences with some words in italics. Find phrases from the text that have the same meaning. (Look in the paragraphs indicated)

i) During monsoons it rains so heavily *that tourists do not visit Coorg*. (para 2)

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

iii) The Coorg people *are always ready to tell stories*of their sons’ and fathers’ valour. (para 4)

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

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

vi) Macaques, Malabar squirrels *observe you carefully f*rom the tree canopy. (para 7)

**Answer**

(i) Keep many visitors away  
(ii)As one story goes  
(iii) Are more than willing to recount  
(iv) The most laidback individuals become converts to  
(v) Draws support from  
(vi) Keep a watchful eye.

**Glimpses of India Coorg Grammar Exercises**

1. Here are some nouns from the text.

**Culture, monks, surprise, experience, weather, tradition**  
Work with a partner and discuss which of the nouns can collocate with which of the adjectives given below. The first one has been done for you.  
**Unique, terrible, unforgettable, serious, ancient, wide, sudden**

1.culture: unique culture, ancient culture

2. monks:

3. surprise:

4. experience:

5. weather:

6. tradition:

**Answers-**

1) culture: unique culture, ancient culture

2) monks:  ancient monks

3) surprise: Unique surprise, terrible surprise, unforgettable surprise

4) experience: Unique experience, terrible experience, unforgettable experience, sudden experience

5) weather: terrible weather, sudden weather

6) tradition: unique tradition, ancient tradition

**2. Complete the following phrases from the text. For each phrase, can you find at least one other word that would fit into the blank?**

1) tales of \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

1. coastal \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_
2. a piece of \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_
3. evergreen \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_
4. \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ plantations
5. \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ bridge
6. wild \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

**You may add your own examples to this list.  
Answers-**

1. tales of valour
2. coastal town
3. a piece of heaven
4. evergreen rainforests
5. Coffee plantations
6. Rope bridge
7. wild animals