

## ✨ Chapter 5: *Glimpses of India* ✨

📖 NCERT Class 10 English – First Flight

📖 Consists of 3 parts (each a distinct story)

### 📖 Part I: A Baker from Goa – by Lucio Rodrigues

#### 🧠 Summary:

This story gives a nostalgic glimpse into the **Portuguese-influenced Goan culture**, focusing on the traditional **bread bakers (pader)** and their lasting impact.

#### 🔍 Key Points:

- 🧑‍🍳 Bakers (paders) were essential during Portuguese times and remain respected.
- 🍞 Bread is a staple in Goan life—especially for **weddings, feasts, and festivals**.
- 🕒 The baker comes **twice a day**—morning & again after selling out.
- 🔔 The baker's arrival was marked by his **bamboo staff** (Jhang-jhang sound).
- 💰 Bakers used to be paid in **loaves or coins**.

#### 👤 Character Traits – The Baker:

- 🕒 *Traditional* – preserves Portuguese customs.
- 💪 *Hard-working* – continues daily routine despite time changes.
- 👨‍👩‍👦 *Community-centered* – essential part of every home & celebration.

#### 📈 Character Arc:

The baker represents a **vanishing yet nostalgic figure**—symbolizing how **old professions evolve** but still live in memories.

### 📖 Part II: Coorg – by Lokesh Abrol



#### 🧠 Summary:

This is a beautiful travel account of **Coorg (Kodagu)** in Karnataka, known for its **natural beauty, coffee plantations, brave people**, and rich culture.

### 🌞 Key Points:

- ☕ Known for **coffee, spices**, and evergreen forests.
- 🇮🇳 Home to **brave Kodavas** (many in the Indian Army).
- 🚫 The only people allowed to carry **firearms without a license**.
- 🌳 Activities: **rafting, canoeing, hiking, wildlife spotting**.
- 🌤️ Best time to visit: **Between September and March**.

### 👤 Character Traits – Coorgi People:



- ✈️ *Adventurous & Brave* – martial traditions.
- 🌿 *Rooted in Nature* – live in harmony with forests.
- 🍷 *Hospitable & Warm* – welcoming to visitors.

### 📈 Character Arc:

The Coorgi culture reflects a **blending of history, valor, and ecology**, showing how identity is preserved through **tradition and courage**.

### 📖 Part III: Tea from Assam – by Arup Kumar Datta

#### 🧠 Summary:

The story follows **Rajvir and Pranjol** as they travel to Assam, discussing the **origins, history, and production of tea** in India.

### 🌿 Key Points:

- 🚂 Set during a train journey to Assam.
- 🌱 Assam is the **world's largest tea-producing state**.
- 🏞️ Beautiful scenery of **tea gardens, lush greenery**.
- 📖 Rajvir shares historical facts: Tea was first drunk in **China (2700 BC)**, came to Europe in the **16th century**.

### 👤 Character Traits:

- **Rajvir:**
  - 📖 *Curious & Well-read* – shares tea facts enthusiastically.
  - 🧠 *Observant* – notices scenic beauty.
- **Pranjol:**
  - 👨🍳 *Practical* – used to tea gardens.
  - 😊 *Proud* – shows off his hometown and industry.

#### 📈 Character Arc:

- **Rajvir** transitions from being a **tea lover** to gaining a **deep understanding** of its cultural and economic importance.
- **Pranjol** shows how familiarity can turn into **pride** when seen through another's eyes.

#### 📝 Important Questions (Based on CBSE Trends):

- ? *What does the story "A Baker from Goa" tell us about Portuguese influence?*
- ? *Describe the Coorgi people and their traditions.*
- ? *What does Rajvir's interest in tea suggest about youth and learning?*