

CLASS – 10

ENGLISH

First Flight

CH-5 : Glimpses of India

Part - 4

Comprehension
(A BAKER FROM GOA)

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COMPREHENSION

Part - 1



Q.1

What are the elders in Goa
nostalgic about?

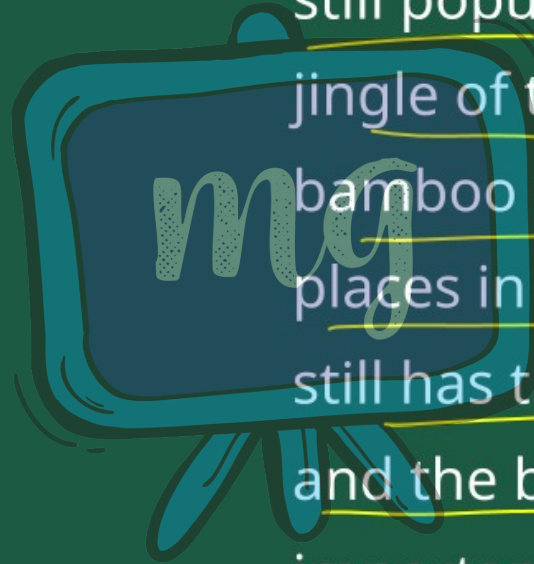
Answer : The elders in Goa are nostalgic about the Portuguese days and the famous loaves of bread.



Q.2 Is bread-making still popular in
Goa? How do you know?



Answer : The loaves of bread are still popular in Goa. The thud and jingle of the traditional baker's bamboo can still be heard in some places in the morning. The society still has the mixers, the moulders and the bakers. It is still a very important part in the culture and society of Goa.



Q.3 What is the baker called?

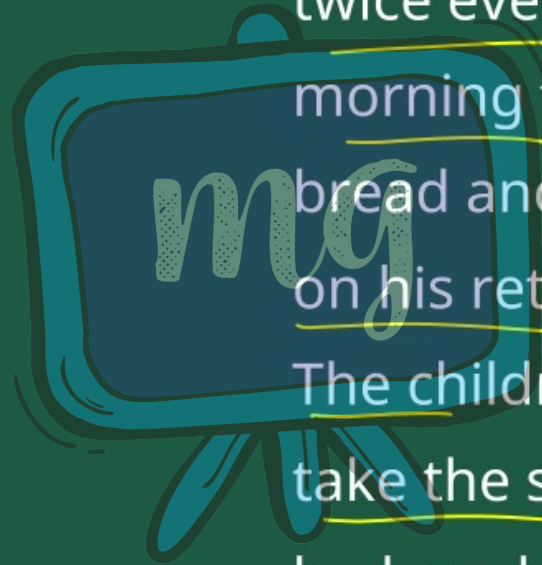
Ans: The baker is called 'pader' in
Goa.



Q.4 When would the baker come
everyday? Why did the children
run to meet him?

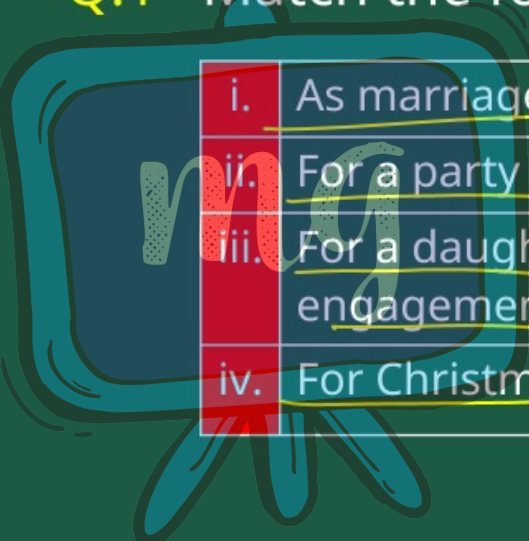


Answer : The baker would come twice every day. Once in the morning to deliver the loaves of bread and secondly, in the evening on his return after selling his stock. The children ran to meet him to take the special bread bangles he had made for them.



Part - 2

Q.1 Match the following. What is a must



i. <u>As marriage gifts?</u>	Cakes and bolinhas
ii. <u>For a party or a feast</u>	Sweet bread called bol
iii. <u>For a daughter's engagement?</u>	Bread
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Answer : Match the following.

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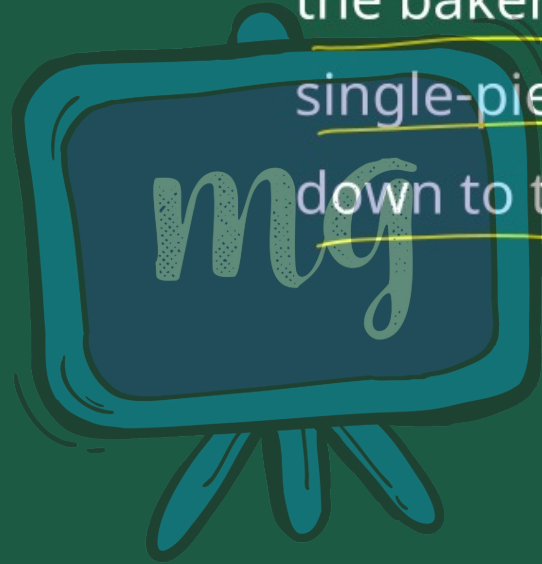
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Q.2 What did the bakers wear

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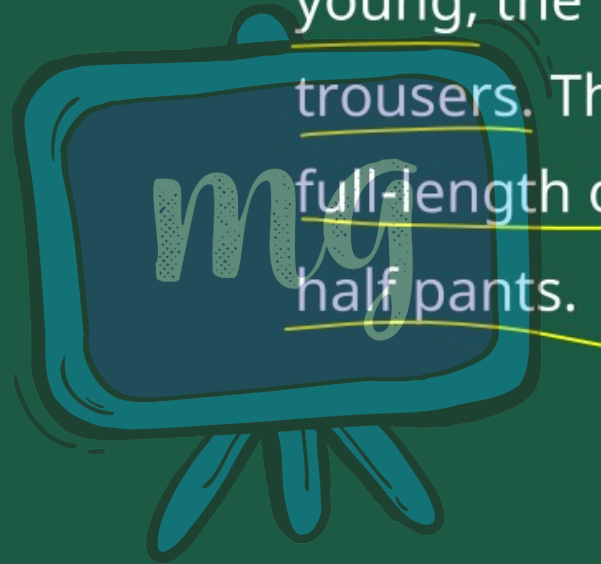
Answer : In the Portuguese days,
the bakers wore the Kabai. It was a
single-piece long frock that reached
down to the knees.



(ii) When the author was young?



Answer : When the author was young, the bakers wore a shirt and trousers. These were shorter than full-length ones and longer than half pants.



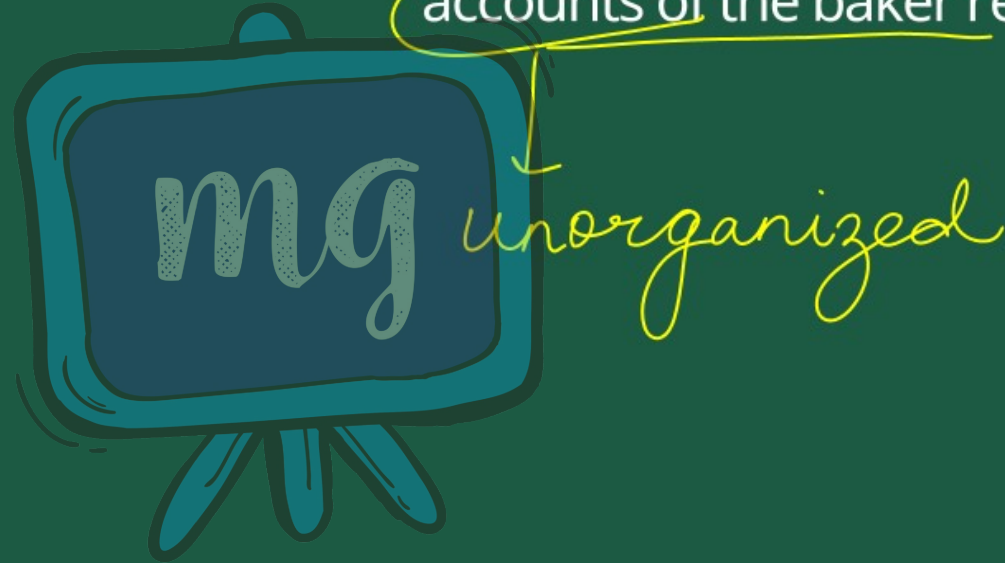
Q.3 Who invites the comment—
“he is dressed like a pader”?



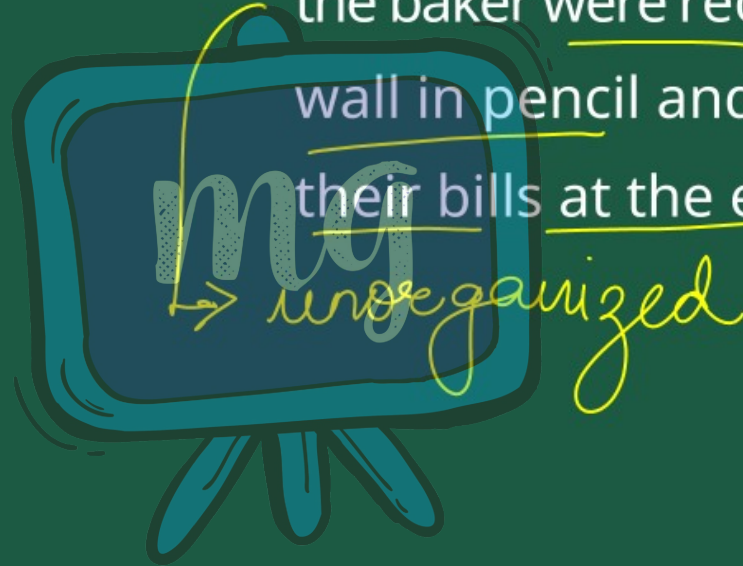
Answer : The bakers used to wear a peculiar dress. It was a shirt and trousers. It was shorter than full length ones and longer than half pants. Thus, if someone is seen wearing that kind of pants invites the comment, "he is dressed like a pader".



Q.4 Where were the monthly
accounts of the baker recorded?



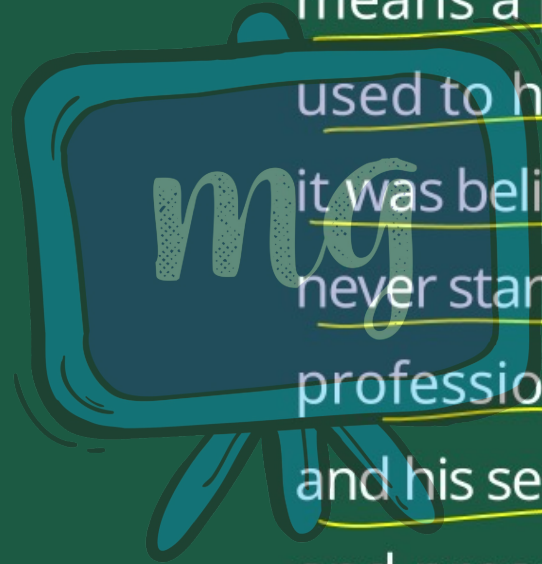
Answer : The monthly accounts of
the baker were recorded on some
wall in pencil and collected usually
their bills at the end of the month.



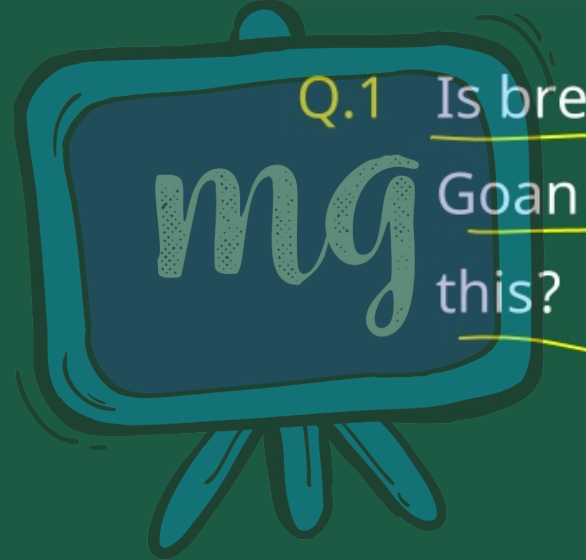
Q.5 What does a 'jackfruit-like
appearance' mean?



Answer : A 'jackfruit-like appearance' means a plump physique. A baker used to have such a physique since it was believed that he and his family never starved. Baking was a lucrative profession and the baker, his family and his servants always looked happy and prosperous with their physical appearance.

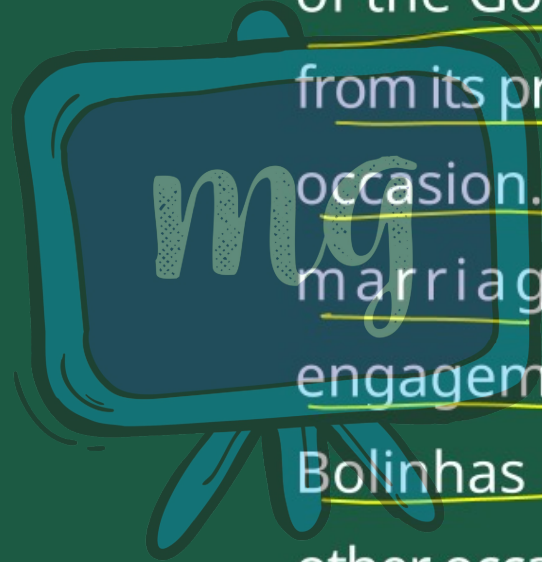


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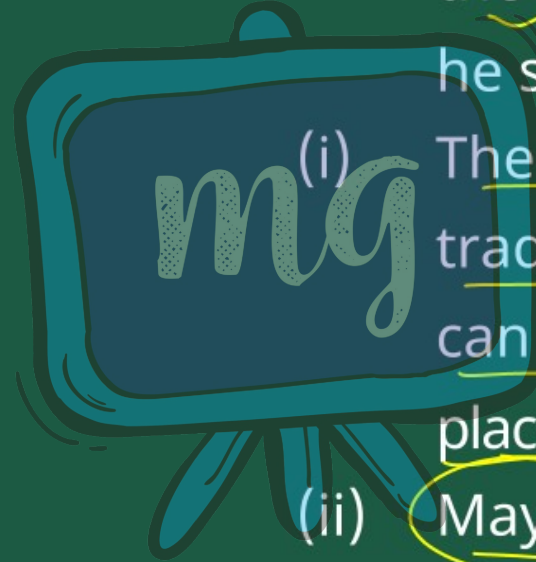


Q.1 Is bread an important part of
Goan life? How do you know
this?

Answer : Bread is an important part of the Goan culture and it is evident from its presence in every important occasion. From sweet breads at marriages to sandwiches at engagement parties and cakes and Bolinhas at Christmas as well as other occasions, makes the presence of a baker in every village, very essential.



Q.2 Tick the right answer. What is the tone of the author when he says the following?



(i) The thud and the jingle of the traditional baker's bamboo can still be heard in some places. (nostalgic, hopeful, sad)

(ii) Maybe the father is not alive but the son still carries on the family profession. (nostalgic, hopeful, sad)

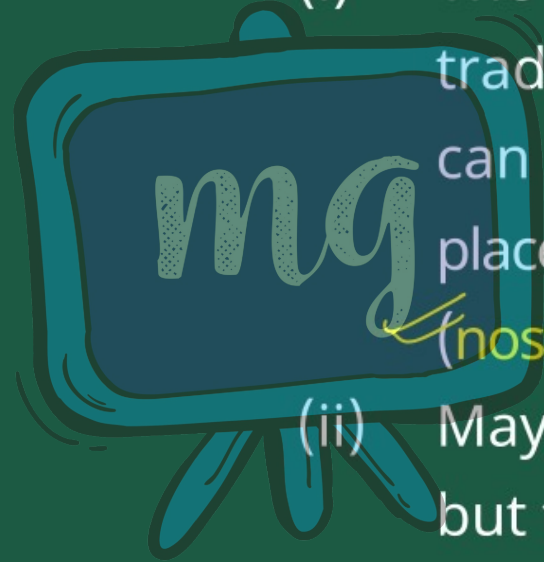
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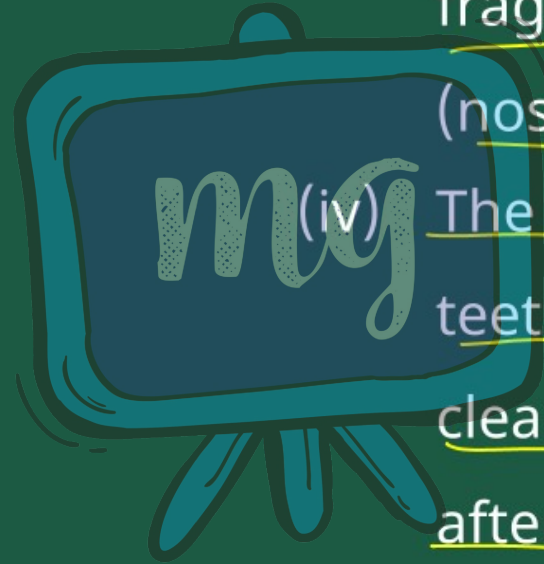


(iii) I still recall the typical
fragrance of those loaves.

(nostalgic, hopeful, naughty)

(iv) The tiger never brushed his
teeth. Hot tea could wash and
clean up everything so nicely,
after all.

(naughty, angry, funny)



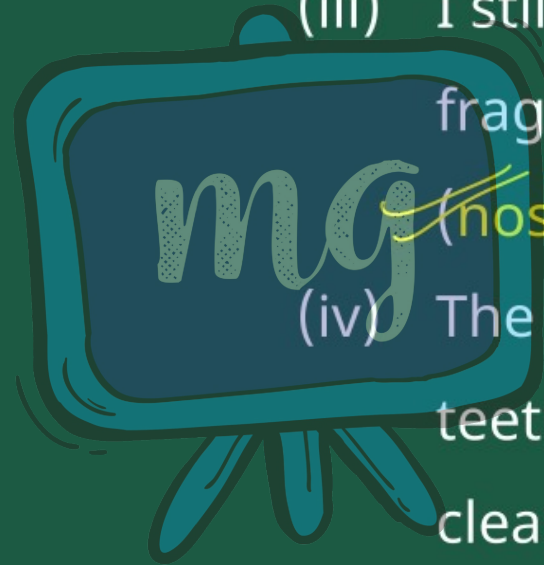
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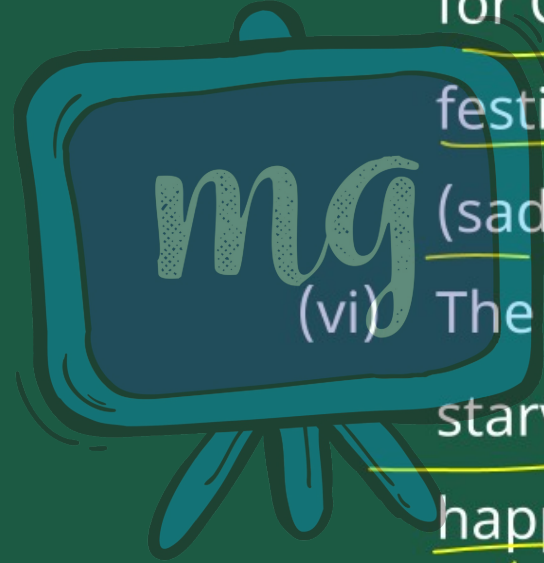
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