

CLASS – 10

ENGLISH

First Flight

CH-5 : Glimpses of India

Part – 2

Coorg

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OVERVIEW

1. A piece drifted from Kingdom of God

2. Nature at its best

3. Anecdotes of Descent

4. Bravery and Beauty

5. River Kaveri- Lifeline of Coorg

6. Spiritual side with beauty of adventures

II. Coorg

MIDWAY between Mysore and the coastal town of Mangalore sits a piece of heaven that must have drifted from the kingdom of god.

Drifted : to flow

This land of rolling hills is inhabited by a proud race of **martial** men, beautiful women and wild creatures. Coorg, or Kodagu, the smallest district of Karnataka, is home to evergreen rainforests, spices and coffee plantations. Evergreen rainforests cover thirty per cent of this district.

Martial : relating to fighting or war

During the monsoons, it pours
enough to keep many visitors away.

The season of joy **commences** from
September and continues till March.

The weather is perfect, with some
showers thrown in for good measure.

Commences : to start

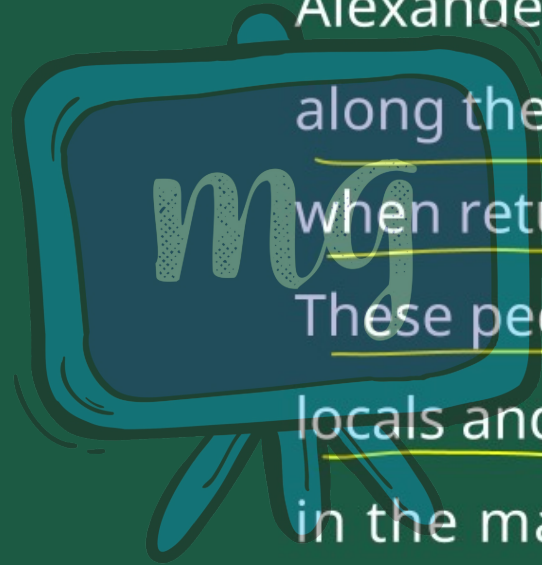


The air breathes of invigorating coffee. Coffee estates and colonial bungalows stand tucked under tree canopies in prime corners.

The fiercely independent people of Coorg are possibly of Greek or Arabic descent.

<u>Invigorating</u>	:	<u>give energy to</u>
<u>Canopies</u>	:	shade
<u>Fiercely</u>	:	<u>powerful</u>
<u>Descent</u>	:	the origin

As one story goes, a part of Alexander's army moved south along the coast and settled here when return became impractical. These people married amongst the locals and their culture is apparent in the martial traditions, marriage and religious rites, which are distinct from the Hindu



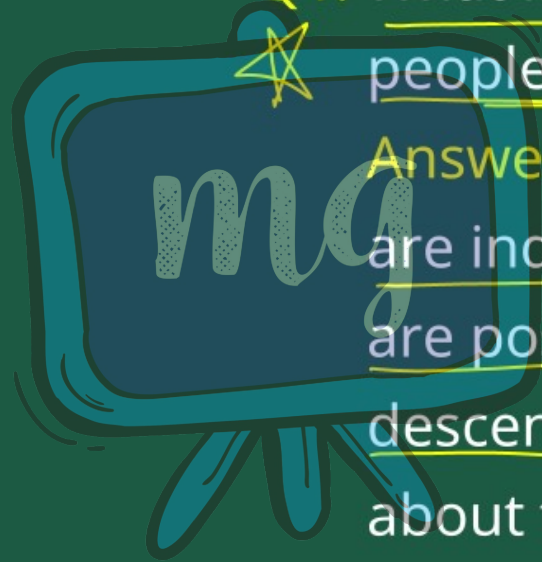
mainstream. The theory of Arab origin draws support from the long, black coat with an embroidered waist-belt worn by the Kodavus. Known as kuppia, it resembles the kuffia worn by the Arabs and the Kurds.

Mainstream : the ideas, attitudes, or activities that are shared by most people and regarded as normal or conventional

CBSE QUESTION CHECK

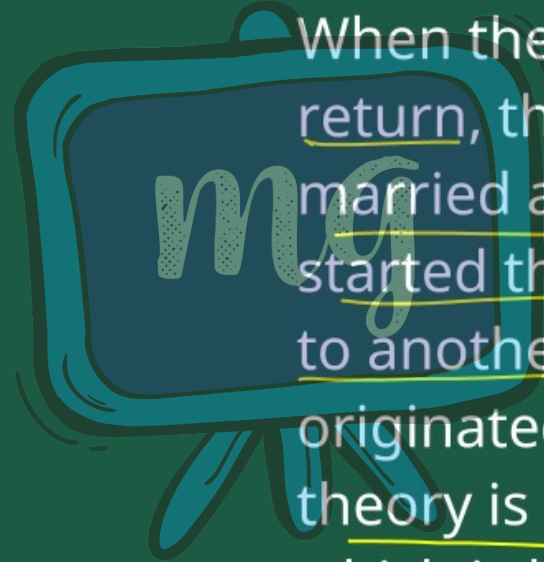
Q1. What is said about the descent of people of Coorg?

Answer : The people of Coorg are independent and brave. They are possibly of Greek or Arabic descent. There are two stories about their descent. According to one story, these people are the descendants of Greeks. It is



believed that a part of Alexander's army moved south along the coast.

When they found it difficult to return, they settled here. They married among the locals and started their family life. According to another story, these people originated from Arabic people. This theory is supported by their dress which is known as 'kuppia'. It resembles the 'kuffia' worn by the Arabs and the Kurds.



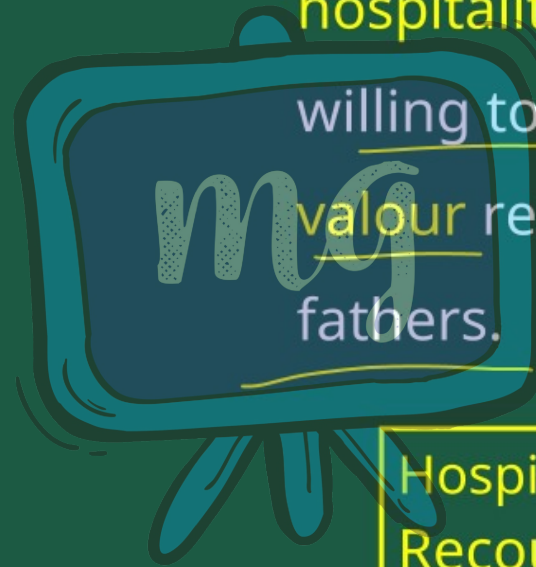
Coorgi homes have a tradition of

hospitality, and they are more than

willing to **recount** numerous tales of

valour related to their sons and

fathers.



Hospitality : to host the guests

Recount : to remember

Valour : courage

The Coorg Regiment is one of the most decorated in the Indian Army, and the first Chief of the Indian Army, General Cariappa, was a Coorgi.

Even now, Kodavus are the only people in India permitted to carry firearms without a licence.

The river, Kaveri, obtains its water from the hills and forests of Coorg.

Firearms : weapons

Mahaseer — a large freshwater fish
— **abound** in these waters.

Kingfishers dive for their catch,
while squirrels and langurs drop
partially eaten fruit for the mischief
of enjoying the splash and the
ripple effect in the clear water.

Abound	:	in abundance
Ripple	:	a small wave

Elephants enjoy being bathed and scrubbed in the river by their mahouts.

The most laidback individuals become converts to the life of high-energy adventure with river rafting, canoeing, rappelling,

Scrubbed : to rub

Mahouts : elephant rider, trainer

Laidback : lazy

rock climbing and mountain biking.

Numerous walking trails in this

region are a favourite with trekkers.

Birds, bees and butterflies are there
to give you company.

Macaques, Malabar squirrels,
langurs and slender loris keep a
watchful eye from the tree canopy.

Trails : narrow paths

Fauna

I do, however, prefer to step aside
for wild elephants.



The climb to the Brahmagiri hills
brings you into a panoramic view of
the entire misty landscape of Coorg.

Panoramic : with a wide view

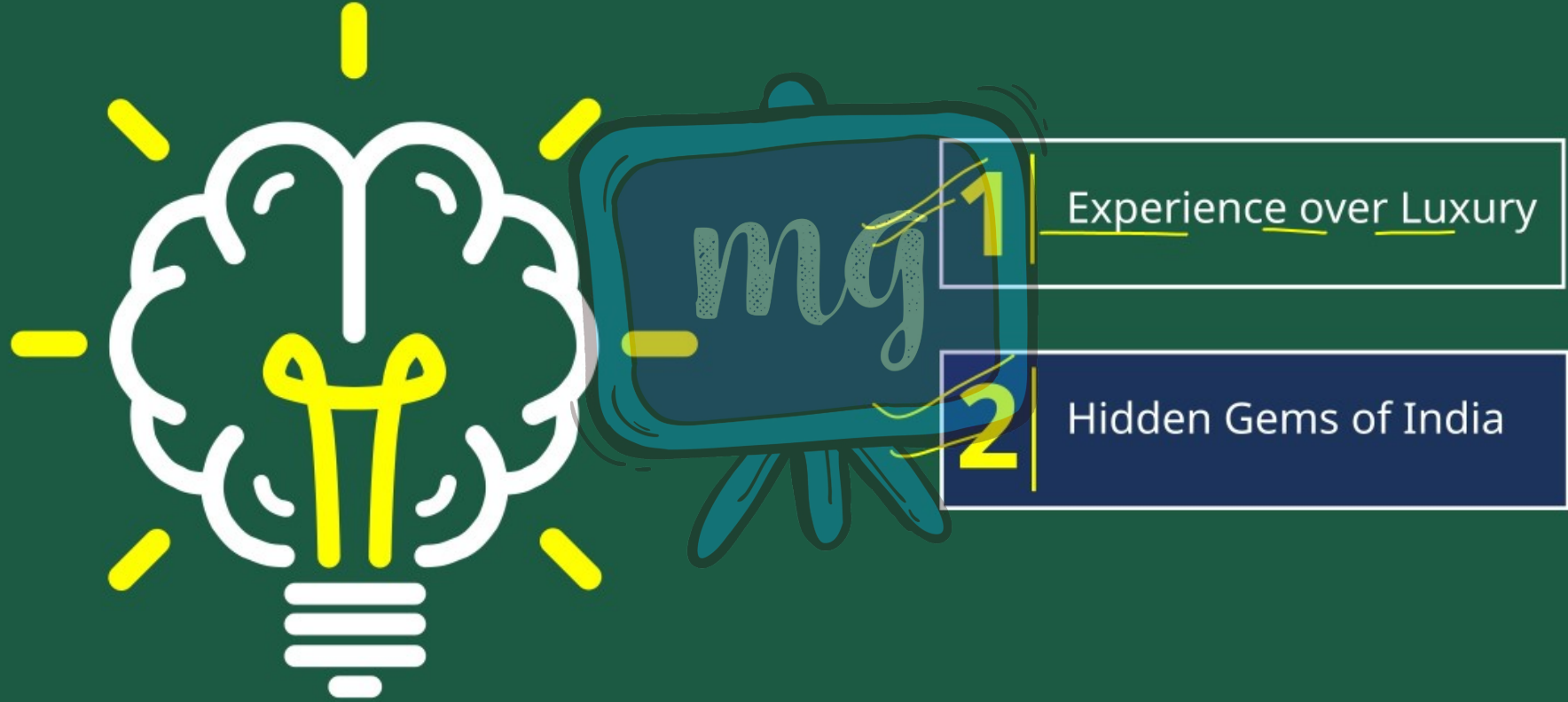
A walk across the rope bridge leads to the sixty-four-acre island of Nisargadhama. Running into Buddhist monks from India's largest Tibetan settlement, at nearby Bylakuppe, is a bonus.

The monks, in red, ochre and yellow robes, are amongst the many surprises that wait to be discovered by visitors searching for the heart and soul of India, right here in Coorg.

Literary Devices

- ☛ This land of rolling hills - Personification
- ☛ Midway between Mysore ... Kingdom of God - Metaphor
- ☛ The air breathes - Transferred Epithet
- ☛ Tree canopy - Metaphor
- ☛ Kingfishers ... In the river by their mahouts. - Imagery
- ☛ Birds, bees and butterflies give company - Personification
- ☛ Birds, bees tree canopy - Imagery
- ☛ Searching for the heart and soul of India - Personification.

LEARNING OUTCOMES



ASSESSMENT



1

If a visitor wants to experience the hospitality of Coorgi homes, what should they expect to hear about?

A

Tales of ancient myths

B

Stories of valour related to their sons and fathers

C

Legends of coffee plantations

D

Fables about the origin of spices