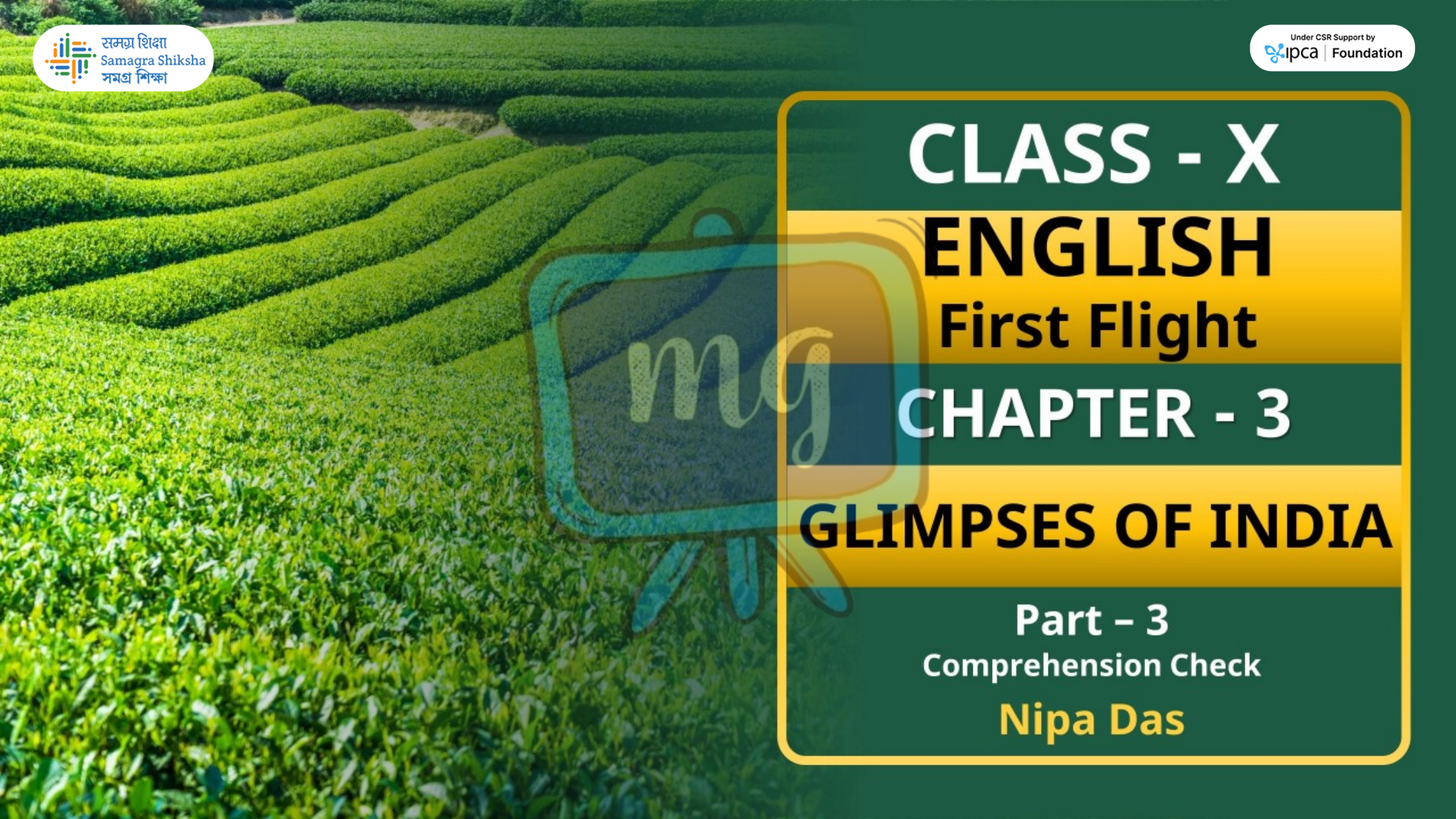


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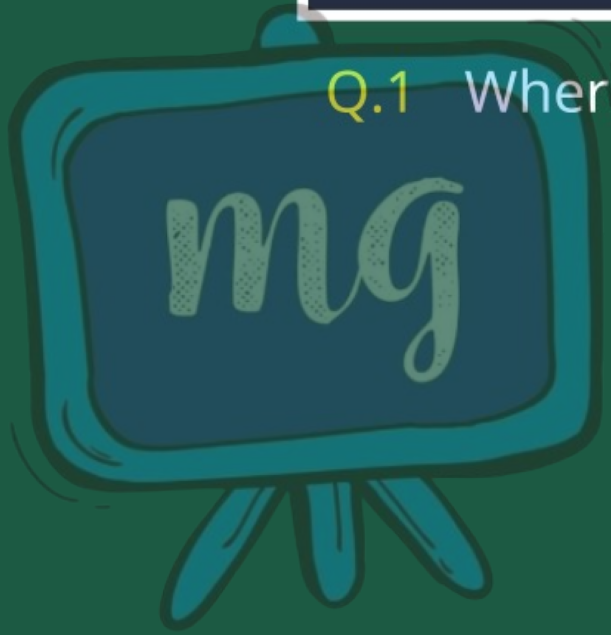


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THINKING ABOUT THE TEXT



Q.1 Where is Coorg?

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Answer : Coorg or Kodagu is the smallest district of Karnataka. It is midway between Mysore and Mangalore.



Q.2 What is the story about the Kodavu people's descent?



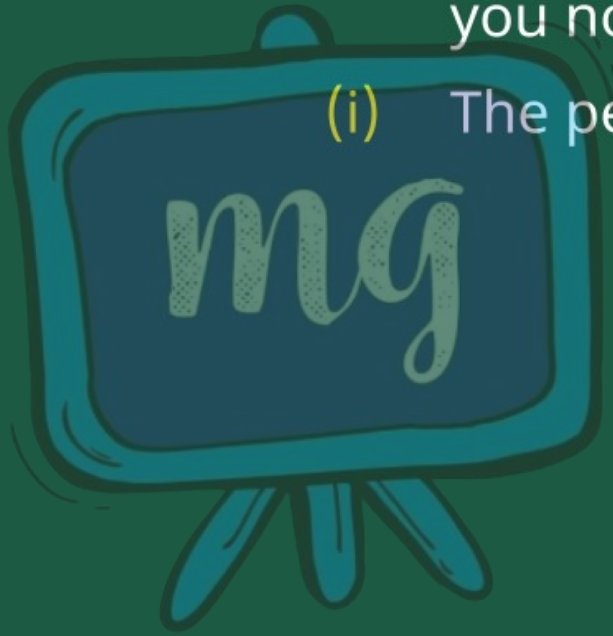
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Answer : It is said that Kodavus are of Greek or Arabic descent. According to one story, a part of Alexander's army could not return to their homeland and settled here. They married the locals and their culture is apparent in martial traditions, marriage and religious rites, which are distinct from the Hindu mainstream.

Q.3 What are some of the things you now know about

(i) The people of Coorg?



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Answer : The people of Coorg are the descendants of the Greeks or the Arabs. They are independent and brave. They are the bravest soldiers in the Indian Army. They are welcoming and are known for their hospitality.

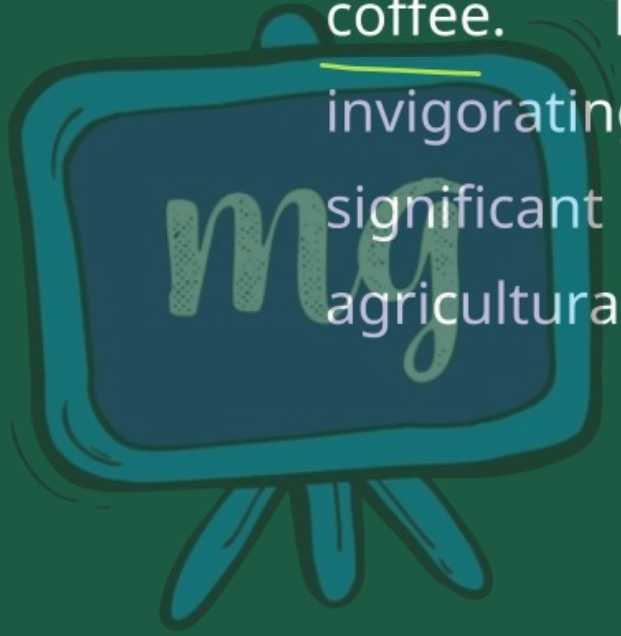
(ii) The main crop of Coorg?



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Answer : The main crop of Coorg is coffee. The air smells of invigorating coffee. Spices are a significant component of Coorg's agricultural produce.



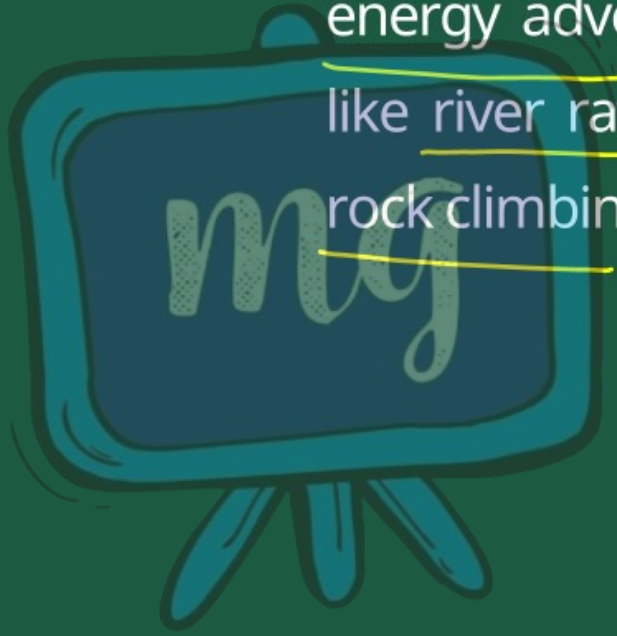
(iii) The sports it offers to tourists?.



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Answer : It offers a variety of high energy adventurous sports. These are like river rafting, canoeing, rappelling, rock climbing and mountain biking.



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



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Answer : The animals one is likely to see in Coorg are Macaques, Malabar squirrel, Langurs and slender loris. Apart from this fish like Mahaseer, birds like kingfisher, butterflies, bees and wild elephant can also be seen here.

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



Answer : The distance between Bangalore and Coorg is around 250- 260 km. by road. One can reach Coorg by Air, by Rail and by Road. The route via Mysore is the most frequented one. The other route is via Neelamangal, Kunigal and Chanrayanapatna.

Q.4 The people of Coorg have a tradition of courage and bravery. How has it been recognized in modern India?



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Answer : The poeple of Coorg have a tradition of courage and bravery. The Coorg Regiment is one of the most decorated in the Indian Army. The first Chief of the India Army, General Cariappa, was a Coorgi. The Kodavus are the only people in the country who are allowed to carry firearms without a licence.

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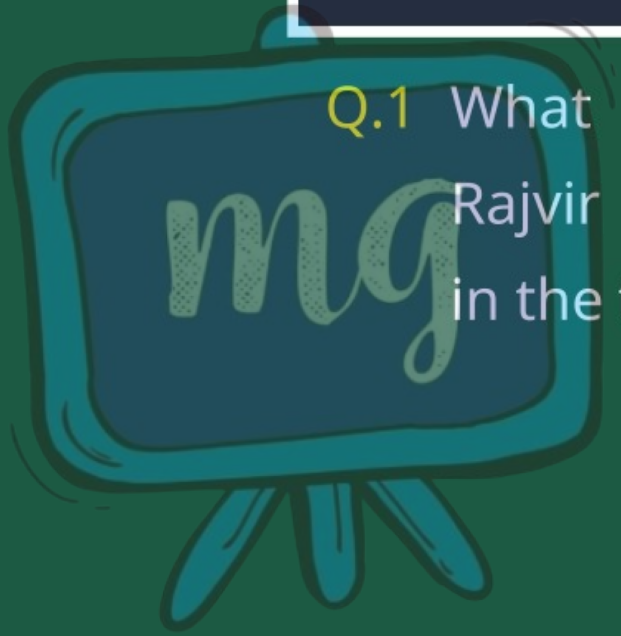
TEA FROM ASSAM

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THINKING ABOUT THE TEXT



Q.1 What 'magnificent view' did Rajvir see outside while going in the train?

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Answer : There were tea bushes here and there. Against the densely wooded hills, a sea of tea bushes spread over a vast area. Over the tiny tea plants were tall sturdy shade-trees. There were orderly tea bushes. They looked majestic.

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Q.2 What excited Rajvir? Why did Pranjol not share his excitement?



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Answer : Rajvir was excited to see the tea garden for the first time. Pranjol was not excited because he had been born and brought up on a tea plantation. So he didn't share his excitement as he was not new to the tea gardens.

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Q.3 Where and when did the drinking of tea start? How did it come to Europe?



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Answer : The drinking of tea first started in China as far as 2700 B.C. Words associated with tea like 'chai', 'chini' etc. are from the Chinese language. Tea came to Europe only in the 16th century. In Europe tea was drunk as medicine than as a beverage.

Q.4 What is the Chinese legend regarding tea?



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Answer : Rajvir told Pranjol about the origin of drinking tea. He told that the Chinese emperor always boiled water before drinking it. One day a few leaves of the twigs burning under the pot fell into the water. They gave the water a delicious flavour. It is said they were tea leaves.

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Q.5 Why did Pranjol's father say that Rajvir had done his homework before coming there?



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Answer : When a tractor pulled before Rajvir with a load of tea leaves Rajvir asked Pranjol's father if it was the second flush or sprouting period. Tea of the best quality was from this period. Such information about tea-leaves impressed Pranjol's father. Due to this he said that Rajvir had done his homework well.

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Q.6 What was the Indian legend about the discovery of tea?



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Answer : There is a legend in India about tea. According to the Indian legend. Bodhidharma cut off his eyelids because he felt sleepy during meditations. He was an ancient Buddhist ascetic. Ten tea plants grew out of the eyelids. The leaves of these plants when put in hot water and drunk kept sleep away.