

# CLASS – 10

## ENGLISH

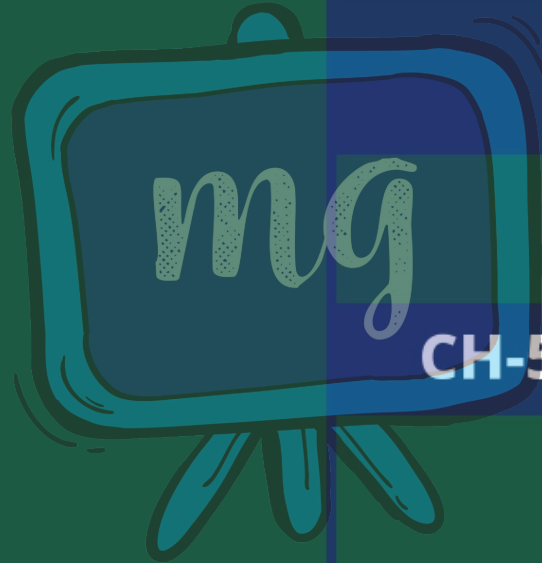
### First Flight

#### CH-5 : Glimpses of India

#### Part – 6

#### Comprehension

#### ARPITA SHARMA



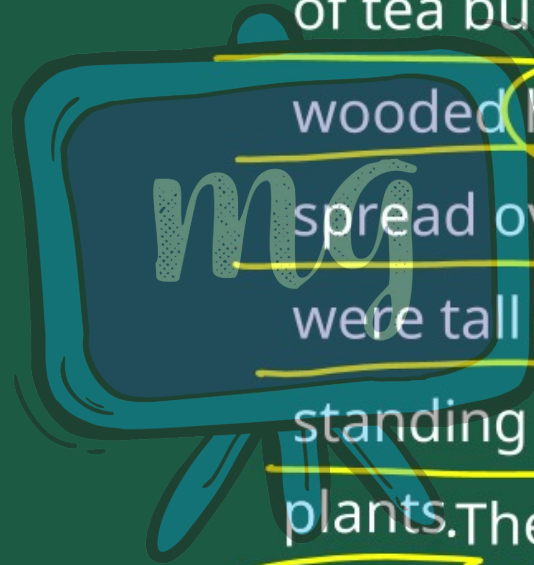
## THINKING ABOUT THE TEXT

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

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**Answer :** Rajvir saw a vast expanse  
of tea bushes. Against the densely  
wooded hills, a "sea" of tea bushes  
spread over a large area. There  
were tall sturdy shade-trees  
standing over the tiny tea  
plants. The orderly tea bushes  
looked majestic.



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



Answer : Rajvir was excited to see  
the tea garden for the first time.

Pranjol was not excited because he  
had been born and raised on a tea  
plantation. So he didn't share his  
excitement as he was not new to  
the tea gardens.

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

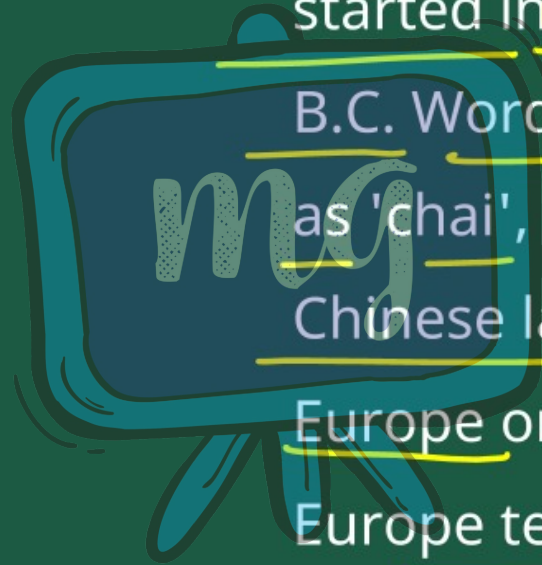


China - 2700 B.C

Chai - Chini

Europe - 16<sup>th</sup> Century

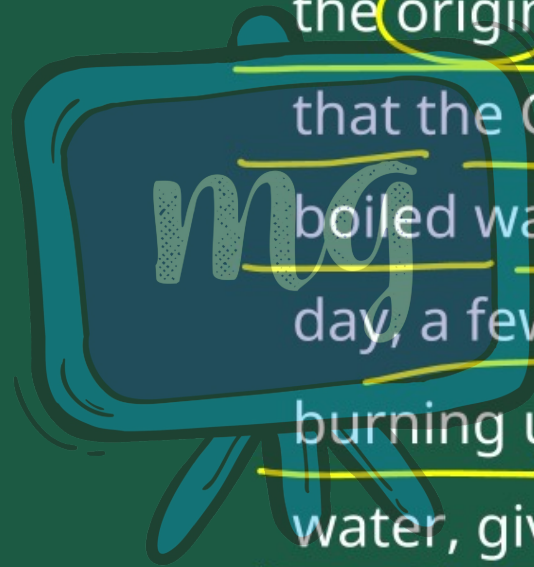
Answer : The drinking of tea first started in China as far back as 2700 B.C. Words associated with tea such as 'chai', 'chini', etc. are from the Chinese language. Tea came to Europe only in the 16th century. In Europe tea was initially drunk as medicine rather than the beverage.



Q.4 What is the Chinese legend  
regarding tea?



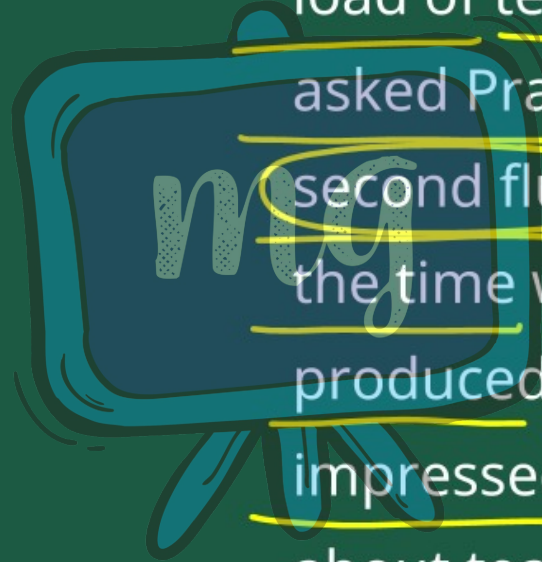
**Answer :** Rajvir told Pranjol about the origin of tea-drinking. He told that the Chinese emperor always boiled water before drinking it. One day, a few leaves of the twigs burning under the pot fell into the water, giving it a delicious flavour. It is said they were tea leaves.



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



**Answer :** When a tractor carrying a load of tea leaves passed by, Rajvir asked Pranjol's father if it was the second flush or sprouting period, the time when the best quality tea is produced. Pranjol's father was impressed by Rajvir's knowledge about tea leaves and concluded that he had done his homework well.



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



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

