

CHAPTER-5 | Glimpses of India

QUIZ
PART-03

1. Who wrote "Tea from Assam"?

- A. R.K. Narayan
- B. Arup Kumar Datta
- C. Ruskin Bond
- D. Khushwant Singh (B)

Explanation: The lesson is by Arup Kumar Datta, a writer and journalist from Guwahati.

2. Pranjol's father held which position?

- A. Tea broker in Kolkata
- B. Supervisor in a tea factory
- C. Manager of a tea-garden in Upper Assam
- D. Owner of a spice plantation (C)

Explanation: He managed a tea-garden in Upper Assam, where Pranjol invites Rajvir to visit.

3. What did the vendor call out on the train platform?

- A. "Coffee garam!"
- B. "Chai-garam... garam-chai"
- C. "Lassi thandi!"
- D. "Juice fresh!" (B)

Explanation: A tea vendor walked up to their window calling, "Chai-garam... garam-chai."

4. How many cups of tea did Rajvir say are drunk daily worldwide?

- A. Over eight lakh
- B. Over eighty lakh
- C. Over eighty crore
- D. Over eight crore (C)

Explanation: Rajvir mentions that more than eighty crore cups are consumed every day.

5. What sight first thrilled Rajvir as the train entered tea country?

- A. Snow-capped peaks
- B. Soft green paddy fields giving way to tea bushes
- C. Sandy riverbanks and fishing boats
- D. Red sandstone forts (B)

Explanation: The view changed from paddy fields to vast stretches of tea bushes against wooded hills.

6. Which legend explains tea leaves falling into boiling water?

- A. A monk who discovered herbs in Tibet
- B. A Chinese emperor whose boiling water caught falling leaves
- C. A traveler who mixed leaves with milk in Persia
- D. A sailor who brewed leaves during a storm (B)

Explanation: One legend says a Chinese emperor boiled water and leaves falling in gave it a delicious flavor.

7. Who, in an Indian legend, cut off his eyelids leading to tea plants sprouting?

- A. Nagarjuna
- B. Bodhidharma
- C. Ashoka
- D. Shankaracharya (B)

Explanation: The story tells of Bodhidharma cutting off his eyelids; ten tea plants sprouted, and their leaves banished sleep.

8. How was tea first used in Europe when it arrived in the sixteenth century?

- A. As a dessert ingredient
- B. As a medicine
- C. As a ceremonial drink
- D. As a trade currency (B)

Explanation: When tea reached Europe, it was drunk more as a medicine than as a beverage.

9. During which months does the second-flush or sprouting period occur, and why is it notable?

- A. March–April; first plucking begins
- B. May–July; it yields the best tea
- C. August–September; plants are pruned
- D. November–December; winter harvest peaks (B)

Explanation: The second-flush lasts from May to July and is known for producing the best tea.

10. Which station did the boys reach before heading to Dhekiabari Tea Estate?

- A. Guwahati Junction
- B. Tinsukia Junction
- C. Mariani Junction
- D. Lumding Junction (C)

Explanation: The train clattered into Mariani Junction, where Pranjol's parents received them.