

Class 10th Sub – English

First Flight Chapter 7

Part 1 – Baker from Goa

Oral Comprehension Check (Page 86)

1. The elders in Goa are nostalgic about the good old Portuguese days and their love of bread and loaves. The writer says that the eaters of loaves have left but the makers still exist.
2. Yes, bread making is still popular in Goa. This is very clear from the narrator's statement that the eaters have gone away leaving the makers behind. There are mixers, moulders, and the ones who bake the loaves. The time tested furnaces still exist there.
3. The baker is called **pader** in Goa.
4. The baker would come twice a day – once early in the morning and the second time when he returned after selling his stuff. The children would run to meet him as they wanted to have bread – bangles.

Oral Comprehensive Check (Page 87)

- 1.(i) as marriage gifts – sweet bread called **bol**.
(ii) for a party or a feast – **bread**
(iii) for a daughter's engagement – **sandwiches**.
(iv) for Christmas – **cakes and bolinhas**.
2. (i) The bakers were usually dressed up in a peculiar dress called **kabai**. It was a single piece long frock reaching down to the knees.

(ii) During his childhood days, the author saw the bakers wearing a shirt and trousers which were shorter than full length ones and longer than half pants.

3. Any person who is wearing a half pant which reaches just below the knees invites this comment.

This is because the baker, known a *pader*, used to dress like that.

4. Monthly accounts of the baker were recorded on a wall in the house with a pencil.

5. It means having a plump physique, like a jackfruit.

Thinking about the Text (Page 88)

1. (i) Correct

(ii) Correct

(iii) Incorrect

(iv) Incorrect

(v) Correct

(vi) Correct

(vii) Incorrect

2. Yes, bread is an important part of Goan life. It is needed for marriage gifts, parties and feasts. Bread is also needed by a mother for preparing sandwiches during her daughter's engagement. Thus, it is necessary to have breads for every occasion, because of which the presence of a baker's furnace in the village is very important.

3. (i) Nostalgic

(ii) Hopeful

(iii) Nostalgic

(iv) Funny

(v) Matter – of – fact

(vi) Matter – of – fact

