



# ENGLISH

## BOOKS - FULL MARKS ENGLISH (HINGLISH)

### GLIMPSES OF INDIA (II. COORG)

#### Passages For Comprehension

1. Coorg, or Kodagu, the smallest district of Karnataka, is home to evergreen rainforests,

spices and coffee plantations. Evergreen rainforests cover thirty percent of this district. 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. The air breathes of invigorating coffee. Coffee estates and colonial bungalows stand tucked under tree canopies in prime corners.

How does the narrator describe Coorg?



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Describe the weather and vegetation of Coorg.



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What is the theory behind their possible Arabic origin?



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5. 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. The Coorg Regiment is one of the most decorated in the Indian Army, and the first Chief of the Indian Army, General

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Why are Kodavus allowed to carry firearms without a licence?



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Describe the Brahmagiri hills.



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How can we find the heart and soul of India in

India's largest Tibetan settlement at  
Bylakuppe?



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## Ncert Textbook Questions Solved

1. Where is Coorg?



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2. What is the story about the kodavu Arabs.  
people's descent?



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

(i) the people of coorg ?



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4. What are some of the things you now know about :

the main crop of Coorg ?



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5. What are some of the things you now know about :

the sports it offers to tourists ?



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6. What are some of the things you now know about :

the animals you are likely to see in Coorg ?



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7. What are some of the things you now know about :

is distance from Bangalore ,and how to get there ?



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**8.** Here are six sentences with some words in italics. Find phrases from the text that have the same meaning. (Look in the paragraphs indicated)

(i) During monsoons it rains so heavily that tourists do not visit Coorg. (Para 2)



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**9.** Here are six sentences with some words in italics. Find phrases from the text that have



the same meaning. (Look in the paragraphs indicated)

Some people say that Alexander's army moved south along the coast and settled there. (para 3)



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**10.** Here are six sentences with some words in italics. Find phrases from the text that have the same meaning. (Look in the paragraphs indicated)

The Coorg people are always ready to tell stories of their sons' and fathers' valour. (para 4)



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**11.** Here are six sentences with some words in italics. Find phrases from the text that have the same meaning. (Look in the paragraphs indicated)

Even people who normally lead an easy and

slow life get smitten by the high energy  
adventure sports of Coorg. (para 6)



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**12.** Here are six sentences with some words in italics. Find phrases from the text that have the same meaning. (Look in the paragraphs indicated)

The theory of the Arab origin is supported by the long coat with embroidered waist belt they wear. (para 3)



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**13.** Here are six sentences with some words in italics. Find phrases from the text that have the same meaning. (Look in the paragraphs indicated)

Macaques, Malabar squirrels observe you carefully from the tree canopy. (para 7)



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## 14. Collocations

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(b) a pleasant person . pleasant pillow



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culture   monks        surprise   experience  
weather   tradition

Work with a partner and discuss which of the nouns can collocate with which of the adjectives given below. The first one has been done for you.

unique   terrible   unforgettable  
serious   ancient   wide                    sudden  
culture : unique culture, ancient culture



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tradition \_\_\_\_\_



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22. Complete the following phrases from the text. For each phrase, can you find at least one other word that you fit into the blank?

(i) tales of .....



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23. Complete the following phrases from the text. For each phrase, can you find at least one other word that you fit into the blank?

coastal.....





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**24.** Complete the following phrases from the text. For each phrase, can you find at least one other word that you fit into the blank?

a piece of .....



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**25.** Complete the following phrases from the text. For each phrase, can you find at least one

other word that you fit into the blank?

evergreen .....



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**26.** Complete the following phrases from the text. For each phrase, can you find at least one other word that you fit into the blank?

.....plantations



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27. Complete the following phrases from the text. For each phrase, can you find at least one other word that you fit into the blank?

.....bridge



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28. Complete the following phrases from the text. For each phrase, can you find at least one other word that you fit into the blank?

wild .....







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## Additional Questions Solved Short Answer Type Questions

1. Describe the geographical location of Coorg.



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2. Describe the people and culture of Coorg



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**3.** Describe the climate, birds and animals of Coorg.



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**4.** Describe the possible descent of the people of Coorg.



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5. How has the tradition of courage and bravery been recognised in modern India. Give examples from the text.



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6. Describe the origin of Kaveri and the area around it.



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7. How do the most laidback individuals become to the life of high-energy adventures in Coorg?



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8. Where and how can we have a panoramic view of the misty landscape of Coorg from?



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9. Describe the largest Buddhist settlement in Coorg.



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## Additional Questions Solved Long Answer Type Questions

1. Describe the physical and geographical features of Coorg.



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2. What are popular theories regarding the descent of the people of Coorg?



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3. Describe the rainforests, the river Kaveri and coffee plantations in Coorg.



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4. Why does the author call Coorg a 'piece of heaven' that must have drifted from the kingdom of God?



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