



A Baker From Goa Extra Question Answers

Q.1. How did the author look upon the baker in his childhood?

Ans. The author looked upon the baker as his companion, friend and mentor. The author recalls how as a child he used to wait eagerly for the baker. The jingling thud of his bamboo woke up the children from their sleep. They would run to him for their favourite bread-bangles. The author says that he still recalls the fragrance of those bangles.

Q.2. Why is the baker's furnace essential for the Goan people?

Ans. Bread is an important part of Goan life. No party, marriage or religious festival can be meaningful without bread. Therefore, the baker's furnace is essential for the Goan people.

Q.3. What are other remains of the Portuguese days and culture still found in Goa?

Ans. Although the Portuguese have left India, those age-old, time-tested furnaces still exist. The Portuguese traditions are very much alive in Goa that it feels like the fire in the furnaces has not yet been extinguished, and one can hear thud and jingle of the traditional baker's bamboo, announcing his arrival in the morning.

Q.4. How can you say that the baker and his family never starved?

Ans. The baker and his family always looked happy, very well to do, and prosperous. They had a plump physique. A person with a jackfruit-like physical appearance is easily compared to a baker as the bread-making was a profitable business.

Q.5. When did the baker usually collect his bills?

Ans. He collected his bills at the end of every month. They were recorded on some wall using pencil.

Q.6. 'The tiger never brushed his teeth. Hot tea could wash and clean up everything so nicely, after all!' Explain.

Ans. The author recalls how as a child he used to wait eagerly for the baker. He also evokes the fragrance of the bread-bangles. The baker would come with loaves for the elders and bread-bangles for the children. The jingling thud of his bamboo woke up the children from their sleep. They would run to him for their favourite bread-bangles. The author would be so eager to eat them that he never cared to brush his teeth or wash his mouth.