

A Baker from Goa

Read the extract and answer the questions that follow.

In our childhood we saw bakers wearing a shirt and trousers which were shorter than full-length ones and longer than half pants. Even today, anyone who wears a half pant which reaches just below the knees invites the comment that he is dressed like a pader! The baker usually collected his bills at the end of the month. Monthly accounts used to be recorded on some wall in pencil. Baking was indeed a profitable profession in the old days. The baker and his family never starved. He, his family and his servants always looked happy and prosperous. Their plump physique was an open testimony to this. Even today any person with a jackfruit-like physical appearance is easily compared to a baker.

Question: 1

The author mainly focuses on the physical appearance of the baker in the above extract.

Which of these lines from the extract justifies the above opinion?

- 1** The baker and his family never starved.
- 2** The baker usually collected his bills at the end of the month.
- 3** Monthly accounts used to be recorded on some wall in pencil.
- 4** He, his family and his servants always looked happy and prosperous.

Question: 2

Monthly accounts used to be recorded on some wall in pencil.

Which of these best explains the author's purpose for using 'some wall' in the above line?

- 1** to convey that bakers were very organised in their job
- 2** to show that bakers were not very worried about their income
- 3** to indicate that bakers had more customers than they could service
- 4** to show that bakers were not too advanced in the systems they used

Question: 3

Select the option which best describes the relationship between the following statements from the extract.

- (1) He, his family and his servants always looked happy and prosperous.*
(2) Their plump physique was an open testimony to this.

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| 1 (2) gives a summary of (1) | 2 (2) explains the meaning of (1) |
| 3 (2) is an inference drawn from (1) | 4 (2) supports the point made in (1) |

Question: 4

Even today, anyone who wears a half pant which reaches just below the knees invites the comment that he is dressed like a pader!

Which of these best describes the author's tone in the above line?

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| 1 neutral | 2 playful | 3 reflective | 4 welcoming |
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Question: 5

Based on the extract above, what type of text is 'A Baker from Goa'?

- 1** a factual essay on past practices
- 2** a diary entry about one's life events
- 3** a research article which analyses a concept
- 4** a historical account written based on personal knowledge

Question: 6

Which of these best explains why the author chose 'A Baker from Goa' as the title for the text?

- 1** The author discusses his journey as a baker to describe the cuisines of Goa.
- 2** The author details the adventures of a baker to explore the cultural issues of Goa.
- 3** The author narrates the life of a baker to paint a vivid picture of Goa's cultural history.
- 4** The author recounts his childhood memories of home-baking to show Goa's rich traditions.

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2	2
3	4
4	2
5	4
6	3