

Class 10th Subject – English

Chapter 7 Glimpses of India

Part 3 – *Tea from Assam*

1. Where were Rajvir and Pranjol going and why?

Ans. Rajvir and Pranjol were going to Assam as Pranjol had invited Rajvir to spend summer vacation there. Pranjol's father was the manager of tea – garden in upper Assam. So, he wanted Rajvir to visit tea – garden there and know about the history of tea.

2. What did Rajvir see while looking outside from the train?

Ans. Rajvir saw much greenery while looking outside from the train. He was amazed to see the soft green paddy fields first and then the green tea bushes. It was green everywhere and Rajvir had never seen so much greenery before. It was a magnificent view.

3. “This is a tea country now”. Explain this with reference to Assam.

Ans. Assam has the world's largest concentration of tea plantations in the world. A large number of tea gardens are found there. Everywhere in Assam, a sea of tea bushes can be seen as far as the eye could see. Most of the tea grown in Assam is supplied all over the world.

4. In what ways is China related to tea?

Ans. Tea was first drunk in China. The words 'Chai' and 'chini' are from Chinese. There is a story about a Chinese emperor who always boiled water before drinking. One day, a few leaves of the twig fell into the water and gave it a delicious flavour. They were tea leaves.

5. Why did Pranjol's father say that Rajvir had done his homework before visiting Assam?

Ans. Rajvir was very excited about visiting the tea garden and thus, he studied a lot about it before visiting the tea garden. Thus, Pranjol's father said that Rajvir had already done his homework before visiting Assam. Bt he replied that he wanted to learn much more while he was there.

6. What excited Rajvir? Why did Pranjol not share his excitement?

Ans. The sight of a tea garden excited Rajvir, as he had never seen one before. Pranjol did not share his excitement because he had been born and brought up on a tea plantation.

7. **According to the text, Assam is said to be 'tea country'. Do you believe that Assam has some of the best plantations in the world that makes it a unique country?**

Ans. In India, some of the best plantations like tea and coffee are grown in huge quantities. India is also a home to many spices like Haldi and while Assam is home to tea, Coorg is home to coffee. One can see enough gardens of tea in Assam, there are everywhere tea bushes in Assam. In May to July, there is the best time to yield the best tea. On both sides of roads, there are acres of tea – bushes, all nearly pruned (trimmed) to the same height. These plantations make India a unique country which has not just traditional spices and beverage plants growing within it but also follows traditional agricultural practices.