

CASE STUDY

Nagaland, one of India's smallest states, is located in the north-east. It is bounded by Myanmar on the east, Arunachal Pradesh on the north, Assam on the west and Manipur on the south. Nagaland is mostly mountainous except the part bordering the Assam valley. Mount Saramati is the highest peak and forms a natural barrier between Nagaland and Myanmar.

The Nagas, inhabitants of Nagaland, form more than twenty tribes. Konyak is the largest of the Naga tribes. Traditionally, the Nagas wear colourful tribal outfits with bamboo shields and decorated spears. They are simple at heart, are known for their festive spirit and burst into dance and music on such occasions as festivals, marriages and harvests.

The Nagas are brave, loving and kind-hearted. Their dances are mostly woven around war themes. Bamboo dance is a well-known dance of the Nagas. Colourfully dressed young girls performing the bamboo dance at an incredible speed and with great accuracy present a fascinating sight.

Wood-carving is a famous Naga craft. The Konyaks, the best wood-carvers among all the Naga tribes, are skilled in carving human and animal figures. Weaving is a traditional Naga art in which each tribe has its own special designs and colours.

On the basis of your understanding answer the following questions-

1. Name the states and country that border Nagaland.
2. Find the word from the passage that is the opposite of 'fearful'
3. Write the positive and comparative degrees of the word 'largest'
4. Read the statements and choose the **INCORRECT** option:

Statements-

- i. Nagaland is bordered by China on the east.
- ii. Nagaland is located in the north-eastern part of India.
- iii. Konyaks are the worst woodcarvers among all the Naga tribes.

- A. Only i
- B. Only i and ii
- C. Both i and iii
- D. All are incorrect

5. Read the statements and choose the **CORRECT** option:

Statements-

- i. Naga dance is based on war themes
- ii. The Nagas are brave, loving and kind-hearted people.
- iii. Each Naga tribe has its own unique designs and colours for weaving.

- A. Only i
- B. Only ii and iii
- C. Only iii
- D. All are correct

6. Read the statements and choose the INCORRECT option:

Statements-

- i. Mount Everest is the highest peak and forms a barrier between Myanmar and Nagaland.
- ii. Kathak is a famous form of dance among the Naga people.
- iii. Young girls perform dandiya dance at an incredible speed.

- A. Only ii
- B. Only ii and iii
- C. Only i
- D. All are incorrect