

## Social Science - Class: 6

### Unit 2 Medieval India; Society, Resource and Trade

#### 1. Agricultural activities in medieval India were admirable. Explain

Ans: The main occupation of the people was agriculture. Agriculture got much progress in Vijayanagara period. The agricultural progress in the Mughal period was also notable. Agricultural products need for industry was also produced.

Sugarcane was mostly cultivated in Bengal and Bihar. Indigo was cultivated in the Yamuna valley and middle India. The raw materials need for cotton, silk industries were cultivated in various part of India. Bengal was famous for cotton cultivation.

#### 2. How has the spread of weaving and trade facilitated the growth of towns?

Ans: The Indian weavers produced garments of different colours and quality. The garments made of silk, Cotton and wool were important among them. The agricultural progress created favorable conditions for the prosperity of trade. This attracted many foreigners to India. Towns were developed around the production centers and markets.

#### 3. What were the factors that attracted travelers and traders to medieval India?

Ans: Indian textiles, Ivory, pearl, sandal, leather, metals, gems etc. were great demand in foreign countries. These commodities attracted the travelers and traders to medieval India.

#### 4. Examine the progress made by medieval India in the field of learning?

Ans: Several educational centers existed in medieval India. The educational centers in Banaras, Agra, Lahore, Kanchi, Mathura and Delhi were remarkable among them. Astronomy and Mathematics advanced during the period. Lilavati by Bhaskaracharya was a famous work in Mathematics. Observatories were established in Jaipur, Delhi, Ujjain, and Banaras. Abul Fazl was a famous writer of medieval India.

#### 5. Which are the educational centers in medieval India?

Ans: Banaras, Agra, Lahore, Kanchi, Mathura, Delhi etc.

#### 6. Name the foreigners who engaged in trade with India?

Ans: Chinese, Arabs, Portuguese, Dutch, English and French



## More questions and answers

7. Correctly match the 'A' column with the 'B' column

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Niccolo Conti	England
Ibn Battutah	Italy
Ralf Fitch	France
Bernier	Middle Asia

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8. The following are some of the important commercial centers of medieval India.

Agra, Surat, Ahmedabad, Thanjavoor, Kochi and Kanchipuram.  
Make a list of the places where these places are located today.

Ans:

<b>Trade Centers</b>	<b>States</b>
Agra	Uttar Pradesh
Ahmedabad	Gujarat
Surat	Gujarat
Thanjavur	Tamil Nadu
Kochi	Kerala
Kanchipuram	Tamil Nadu.

9. Draw a map of India and mark Madurai, Surat, Agra and Delhi.

Ans:

