

HISTORY

Class 7th

Chapter 3: Delhi 12th to 15th Century



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Exercises

Let's recall

Que 1: Which ruler first established his or her capital at Delhi?

Ans: Tomar Rajputs first established his capital at Delhi.

Que 2: What was the language of administration under the Delhi Sultans?

Ans: The language of administration under the Delhi Sultans was Persian.

Que 3: In whose reign did the Sultanate reach its farthest extent?

Ans: The Sultanate reached its farthest extent under the regions of Muhammad Tughluq.

Que 4: From which country did Ibn Battuta travel to India?

Ans: Ibn Battuta travel to India from the Morocco, Africa.

Let's understand

Que 5: According to the "Circle of Justice", why was it important for military commanders to keep the interests of the peasantry in mind?

Ans: Military commanders provided protection and secure the peasant who could pay taxes only if they were prosperous and happy and taxes resulted in salaries of military commanders were interdependent on each other.

Que 6: What is meant by the "internal" and "external" frontiers of the Sultanate? Ans:

- ❖ Internal Frontiers: The "internal" frontiers meant the hinterland and the garrison towns, often these places lay in close neighborhoods of the capital city of Delhi. The area of the internal frontier extended up to the forests of Ganga, Yamuna doab.
- **External Frontiers:** The "external" fronteries mean the areas that lied far away from Delhi, i.e., South India.

Que 7: What were the steps taken to ensure that muqtis performed their duties? Why do you think they may have wanted to defy the orders of the Sultans?

Ans: These steps were:

- 1. Their office was not made hereditary.
- 2. They were assigned iqtas (Land as salaries) for a short period of time before being transferred.
- 3. Accountants were appointed to check the amount of revenue collected by the muftis.
- 4. It was checked that the mufti collected only those taxes which was by the state.

Mufti may have wanted to defy the orders of the Sultan because they controlled money and military resources and were capable of rebelling against Sultans.

Let's discuss

Que 8: Do you think the authors of tawarikh would provide information about the lives of ordinary men and women?

Ans: No, I don't think the authors of tawarikh would provide information about the lives of ordinary men and women because they were appointed by the Sultans to write about their political careers.

Que 9: Razia Sultan was unique in the history of the Delhi Sultanate. Do you think women leaders are accepted more readily today?

Ans: Yes, today, women leaders are accepted more readily. For example, Indira Gandhi became a successful leader as Prime Minister of India.

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Que 10: Why were the Delhi Sultans interested in cutting down forests? Does deforestation occur for the same reasons today?

Ans: The Sultans of Delhi wanted to extend cultivation so that they could collect more land revenue. Hence, they ordered the cutting of forests. Today forests are cut for the extension of agriculture and establishment of industrial units.

Let's do

Que 11: Find out whether there are any buildings built by the Delhi Sultans in your area. Are there any other buildings in your area that were built between the twelfth and fifteenth centuries? Describe some of these buildings, and draw sketches of them.

Ans: Yes, there are many buildings built by the Delhi Sultans in our area.

Yes, there are several buildings in our area that were built between the twelfth and fifteenth centuries. Some of these are following:

- 1. Qutub Minar
- 2. Fort of Firoz Shah Kotla
- 3. Hauz Khas
- 4. Siri fort.

- 5. Begumpuri Mosque.
- 6. Moth Ki Masjid.

