

1. Periodisation

Worksheet 1

(A) What are the significant features of the Medieval period in India?

(B) What is periodisation and why is it important?

(C) Match the words in Column A with those in Column B:

Column A

1. Sun Temple
2. Tarikh-e-Alai
3. Red Fort
4. Brihat Kathakosha
5. Jambudvipa
6. Brihadeshwara Temple
7. Humayunama
8. Marco Polo

Column B

- (a) Land of the blackberry trees
- (b) A traveller from Italy
- (c) Konark
- (d) Gulbadan Begum
- (e) Somadeva
- (f) Amir Khusro
- (g) Mughals
- (h) Cholas

ANSWERS TO WORKSHEET 1



- A. The important features of the Medieval period are the rise of feudalism; the rise of Rajputs to power in the north and the west; the tripartite struggle between Palas, Pratiharas and Rashtrakutas; the establishment of a Sultanate and later the Mughal Empire in Delhi; the spread of the Bhakti and Sufi movements; the rise of the Sikhs and the Marathas to power and the arrival of the Europeans attracted by India's wealth.
- B. Periodisation is the division of history into time periods to study political, social and economic changes, along with changes in cultural life, ideas and beliefs. It is important because it helps us to reconstruct the past and provides a guide for future generations.
- C. 1. (c) 2. (f) 3. (g) 4. (e) 5. (a) 6. (h) 7. (d) 8. (b)

Worksheet 2

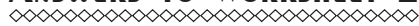
(A) Complete the names of the following monuments in India:

1. T _ _ _ L _ Q _ B _ _ FORT
2. B _ _ H _ _ E E _ W _ _ _ TEMPLE
3. C _ _ T T _ _ _ R H FORT
4. K _ M _ _ A L _ _ R H FORT
5. S _ _ T _ _ P _ E
6. J _ D _ _ U R PALACE

(B) Write the name by which India was known according to the clues given below:

1. The land of blackberry trees: _____
2. Named after tribe existing in Rig Vedic times: _____
3. Land of the Aryans: _____
4. Land of rivers by Persians: _____
5. Named by Sultanate/Mughals: _____
6. Present names under Constitution: _____

ANSWERS TO WORKSHEET 2



- A. 1. T U G H L A Q A B A D FORT 2. B R I H A D E E S W A R A TEMPLE
3. C H I T T O R G A R H FORT 4. K U M B H A L G A R H FORT
5. S U N T E M P L E 6. J O D H P U R PALACE
- B. 1. Jambudvipa 2. Bharatvarsha 3. Aryavarta 4. Sapta Sindhu
5. Hindustan 6. India, Bharat