6. Towns, Traders and Craftsmen

Worksheet 1

A Mention three reasons for the growth of towns and cities in Medieval India.

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B Name three towns/cities of the types given below:

1. Capital Towns: _____

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2. Temple Towns: _____

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3. Trading Towns: _____

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4. Port Towns: _____

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5. Fort Cities: _____

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C Mention two important facts, one past and one present, about the following towns/cities:

1. Hampi: (i) _____

(ii) _____

2. Masulipattinam: (i) _____

(ii) _____

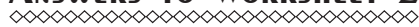3. Surat: (i) _____

(ii) _____

ANSWERS TO WORKSHEET 1

A. Villages grew into towns and cities because some of them became administrative centres and capitals of kingdoms. Sometimes they became pilgrimage centres due to a temple or a sacred river. Some cities grew around a trading centre, whether on a coast or inland.

B. 1. Capital Towns: Ajmer, Delhi, Tanjore
   2. Temple Towns: Kashi, Varanasi, Madurai
   3. Trading Towns: Surat, Masulipattinam, Agra
   4. Port Towns: Broach, Vishakhapatnam, Tamralipti
   5. Fort Cities: Fatehpur Sikri, Ahmedabad, Tughlaqabad

C. 1. (i) It was the former capital of the Vijaynagar empire founded by Harihara and Bukka in 1336.
   (ii) Today it is a World Heritage Site, famous for the Royal Centre, which has the Lotus Mahal, the Queen's Bath and the Elephant stables.

   2. (i) Founded by Arab traders in the 14th century, it was a flourishing seaport till the 17th century, famous for it special textile art called Kalamkari.
   (ii) Now it is famous for its oilseed production, manufacture of scientific instruments, carpet weaving, beautiful beaches, a Shiva temple, the Pandurangaswami temple, a church and a Buddhist centre.

   3. (i) Dating back to period of the 'Mahabharata', Surat is located on the banks of Tapti river and grew from a small place in the 13th century into a big town called Suryapur.
   (ii) Today Surat is an industrial town famous for its diamond industry and cloth industry, Reliance Petrochemicals, Essar Steel, Larsen and Toubro, ONGC and many production units and also for its engineering and medical colleges.

On a map of India, mark the towns listed in the answer to question B of Worksheet 1.

Answers to Worksheet 2

Students may consult an atlas to locate and mark the towns.