

# 7. Social Change – Settled Communities

## Worksheet 1

**(A) What was the varna system like in the beginning of the Medieval Period?**

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**(B) Describe Indian society under the Sultanate and the Mughals.**

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**(C) Fill in the blanks:**

1. The Gonds lived in \_\_\_\_\_ which consisted of parts of \_\_\_\_\_, \_\_\_\_\_, \_\_\_\_\_, \_\_\_\_\_ and \_\_\_\_\_.
2. The Gonds were \_\_\_\_\_ and spoke a \_\_\_\_\_ language.
3. The Ahom leaders were called \_\_\_\_\_ and were selected by a council of five members called \_\_\_\_\_.
4. The British defeated the \_\_\_\_\_ in the 19th century after which Ahom became a \_\_\_\_\_.
5. Assam was called \_\_\_\_\_ and its capital was \_\_\_\_\_.

### ANSWERS TO WORKSHEET 1



- A. In the beginning of the Medieval period, the varna or caste system had become hereditary and rigid. The Brahmanas were respected; the Kshatriyas were the ruling class; the Vaishyas were the traders and the Shudras were treated as low caste people and not allowed to enter temples or take part in functions.
- B. Under the Sultanate and the Mughals, society was divided into Hindus and Muslims, who were either Shias or Sunnis. The Muslim clergy was the Ulema and their nobles were called Amirs. The nobility were the Turanis, Afghans, Iranis and Rajputs. The middle class were

traders, farmers and artisans, followed by workers. Women followed rigid rules.

- C. 1. Gondwana; Madhya Pradesh, Maharashtra, Chhattisgarh, Odisha; Andhra Pradesh
- 2. Hindus; Dravidian
- 3. Swargadeo; patro montries
- 4. Burmese; principality
- 5. Kamarupa; Guwahati

## Worksheet 2

On a map of India, find out and mark the extent of the kingdoms of the Gonds and the Ahoms in the Medieval Period.



### ANSWERS TO WORKSHEET 2

Consult a historical map and broadly mark the extent of the Gond and Ahom kingdoms.