

8. Popular Beliefs and Religious Issues

Worksheet 1

A Briefly answer the following questions:

1. What was Adi Shankaracharya's philosophy?

2. Who was the last Sikh Guru?

3. What are the two streams of Tamil Bhakti saints called?

4. What are the songs of Chaitanya Mahaprabhu called?

5. What was written by Tulsidas?

6. What was the philosophy of Madhavacharya?

7. Who was the pioneer of the Bhakti movement in Maharashtra?

8. What is the sacred book of the Sikhs called?

9. What are the couplets of Kabir called?

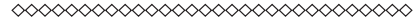
10. Who organised the Gurmukhi script?

11. Name two Sufi saints in India.

12. Who were the Khalsa?

B What were the common teachings of the Bhakti saints?

ANSWERS TO WORKSHEET I



- A. 1. Dvaita philosophy. 2. Guru Gobind Singh. 3. Nayanars and Alwars. 4. Kirtans.
5. 'Ramcharitmanas'. 6. Dvaita philosophy. 7. Sant Gyaneshwar. 8. 'Adi Granth'.
9. Dohas. 10. Guru Angad Dev. 11. Baba Farid, Nizamuddin Auliya.
12. A disciplined military order of Sikhs formed by Guru Gobind Singh.
- B. All the Bhakti saints preached love and reverence through their hymns, worshipping God with a form or without a form; they preached belief in one God; that we should treat all people as equals and practise self-control.

Worksheet 2

Name the four maths or religious centres established by Adi Shankaracharya, and mark them on a map of India.



ANSWERS TO WORKSHEET 2

- A. The four maths or religious centres established by Adi Shankaracharya were: Badrinath [Jyotirmath in the North]; Dwaraka [Sharadapeeth in the West]; Puri [Govardhana math in the East]; and Sringeri [Sringeri math in the South].