

CLASS:- VII

SUBJECT: SOCIAL HISTORY

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## CHANGES IN MEDIEVAL PERIOD

### I TECHNICAL WORDS :-

1. Cartographer - a person who makes maps.
2. Inscriptions - Written documents on hard surface such as wood or stone.
3. Scribes - Person who wrote copies of documents when there was no printing press.

### II SHORT ANSWER QUESTIONS :-

1. Define the term "epigraphy".

Epigraphy is the science of studying inscriptions or epigraphs. The person who studies the epigraphs is known as an epigraphist.

2. Distinguish between Autobiography and Biography.

Autobiography	Biography
a. Autobiography is the story of a person's life, written as a record, by the person himself/herself.	A Biography is the story of a person's life which is written by someone else, with the help of concerned person family and friends.
b. Example :- Tuzuk-i-Baburi (Turkish) - Babur. Tuzuk-e-Jahangiri (Persian) - Jahangir.	Example:- Prithviraj Rao (Brif): Chand Bardai Akbarnama (Persian) - Abul Fazl.



3. How did the British historians divide the history of India?

In the middle of the 19<sup>th</sup> century, British historians divided the history of India into three periods - the period of Hindu Dynasties, the Mughal period and the period of British rule, based on religion and nationality.

4. What is Persian wheel?

The Persian wheel or water wheel was invented in ancient Egypt irrigation. It was imported to India between 13<sup>th</sup> and 14<sup>th</sup> century during Turkish invasion.

### III LONG ANSWER QUESTIONS:-

1. Write short notes on "Chronicle".

- \* Chronicles are written records of events.
- \* It was written on day to day basis.
- \* It was arranged in the order it happened.
- \* During the medieval period, the chroniclers were appointed in courts to keep the records.
- \* Most chronicles of medieval period were written in Turkish and Persian.
- \* Ziyauddin Barani, a 14<sup>th</sup> century chronicler, wrote his first chronicle in 1356.

2. Mention the various difficulties that historians face in using manuscripts.

- \* Manuscripts are substantially different from one another as the manuscripts were written

by hand as there was no printing press at that time.

\* Chronicles were revised by their respective authors or others and the revision brought changes from each other this brought a confusion to historians.

\* Historians have to be careful about the term they use as they might have different meanings in the past.