

CLASS NOTES

Class: VII

**Topic: Mughals
Question and Answers**

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Q6. How were the debates with religious scholars important in the formation of Akbar's idea of governance ?

Ans 6. i) In the 1570's at Fatehpur Sikri Akbar started discussions on religion with people of different faiths. There were ulemas, Brahmans, Jesuit Catholic priests and Zoroastrians.

ii) These interactions made him realise that religious scholars are bigots.

They emphasized rituals and dogma.

iii) Their teachings created divisions in society. This led to the idea of Sulh-i-Kul or 'Universal peace'.

iv) It focused on ethics, honesty, justice and peace. It was also followed by Shahjahan and Jahangir.

Q7. Why did the Mughals emphasize their Timurid and not their Mongol descent?

Ans 7. Mongol emphasized their Mongol's decent because Genghis Khan's, memory was associated with the massacre of innumerable people. It was also linked with the Uzbegs, their Mongol competitors. On the other hand, the Mughals were proud of their Timurid ancestry, because it achieved good name in the history.

Q8. How important was the income from land revenue to the stability of the Mughal Empire?

Ans 8. The income from land revenue was the main source of income of the Mughal empire.

i) It was used for extension of empire, maintaining law and order, war expenditure.

ii) Income is used to pay salaries/wages to army, bureaucrats, artisans and workers.

iii) Land revenue played an important role to run the economy of the Mughal empire.

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Q9. Why was it important for the Mughals to recruit mansabdars from diverse backgrounds and not just Turanis and Iranis?

Ans 10.i)The empire had expanded to encompass different regions and provinces, thus it was needed to provide stability to the empire.

ii) The problems of common folks would be understood better by the people living with them.

iii) This strategy prevented any challenge to the Mughal authority.

Q10. Like the Mughal Empire, India today is also made up of many social and cultural units.

Does this pose a challenge to national integration?

Ans10. No, this does not pose a challenge to national integration because

i) Unity in Diversity is the special feature of India.

ii) We have a constitution to protect the rights of all people from discrimination.

iii) India is a secular country and we don't follow any specific religion.

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