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Religious development

Very short answer questions:

Ques 1 Name two bhakti saints of Maharashtra?

Ans Ekanth & Tukaram

Ques 2 Who formed the kabirpanthis?

Ans Thousand of people both hindu and muslims became kabir's followers they collectively called kabirpanthis.

Ques 3 What are the worshippers of Vishnu called in South Bharat?

Ans Alvars.

Short answer questions:

Ques 1 Who were the sufis?

Ans The sufis were muslim saints who came from persian & arabian countries.

Ques 2: What does the word bhakti mean?

Ans Bhakti means devotion to the god.

Ques 3: Who founded Sikhism? What did he preach?

Ans Guru nanak founded Sikhism. He spoken of one god and believed that god can be reached through selfless love & devotion.

Ques 4: What were the devotees of Kabir called?

Ans Kabirpanthis.

Long answer questions:

Ques 1: Write a note on the language used in Kabir poetry?

Ans Kabir compassed his verses with simple hindi words. Kabir's poems were in vernacular hindi borrowing from various dialects including braj and awadhi. They cover various aspects of life and call for loving devotion to god.

Ques 2: Explain the principles of the bhakti movement

Ans The main principal of bhakti movement was

- (i) God is one
- (ii) To worship god man should serve humanity

- (iii) All men are equal. worshipping god with devotion is better than performing religion ceremonies and going on pilgrimages, and
- (iv) caste distinction and superstitious practices are to be given up.

Ques 3. What were the causes for the birth of the bhakti movement?

Ans The Alvars and the nayanars strengthened the bhakti movement in south india from the 7th to the 9th centuries CE they preached complete devotion to god. Some of these saints were brahmanas, while other were from the lower castes. they focused some of the these lessons: Selfless love and devotion are the means to comes close to god. purity of heart and mind is important. god cannot be achieved through rituals and sacrifices. All human being are equal. god did not create high or low caste people nor did he create hindus and muslims. Teachers knowledge is an essential part of bhakti. It can be gained through a teacher (guru) who has experienced divine knowledge.

Ques 4. Explain the teaching of guru nanak?

Ans Guru nanak dev was a great saint from panjab. like kabir, he belived in the oneness of god. and the greatness of living a pure.

life. he did not believe in caste system. he laid stress on equality of all men. his teaching in the form of verses are recorded in 'adi granth' (guru granth sahib) which was compiled by guru arjun dev ji. he insisted that his followers must be willing to eat in a common kitchen, langar where anyone could take a meal without caste consideration.

Ques 5: Who were the Sufis? What did Sufism teach?

Ans The Sufis were muslim saints who came from Persian and Arabian countries. They were progressive thinkers who led a simple life. They strictly followed the principal of the holy Koran.

- (i) There is only one god.
- (ii) All people are the children of god.
- (iii) To love one's fellowman is to reach god.
- (iv) Fasts and rituals are not essential to reach god.
- (v) Devotional music is one way of coming closer to god.
- (vi) Different religions are different ways to reach god.