

CLASS -XII

ASSIGNMENT

Chapter 6: Bhakti-Sufi Traditions

I. Multiple Choice Questions (MCQs - 1 Mark)

1. The Nayanar saints of Tamil Nadu were devotees of which deity? (CBSE 2020, 2023) (a) Lord Vishnu (b) Lord Shiva (c) Buddha (d) Mahavira
2. Who was the founder of the Virashaiva (Lingayat) movement in 12th-century Karnataka? (CBSE 2018, 2022) (a) Basavanna (b) Kabir (c) Sundarar (d) Ramanuja
3. Where is the Dargah of Shaikh Muinuddin Chishti located? (CBSE 2019, 2024) (a) Delhi (b) Ajmer (c) Agra (d) Fatehpur Sikri
4. Who established the 'Khalsa Panth' in 1699? (CBSE 2021, 2023) (a) Guru Nanak Dev Ji (b) Guru Arjan Dev Ji (c) Guru Tegh Bahadur Ji (d) Guru Gobind Singh Ji

II. Short Answer Questions (3/4 Marks)

1. Describe the relationship between the Alvar and Nayanar saints and the state rulers. (CBSE 2018, 2022)
2. Differentiate between Saguna and Nirguna traditions of Bhakti. (CBSE 2019, 2023)
3. Explain the terms *Khanqah* and *Silsila* in Sufism. (CBSE 2020, 2024)

III. Long Answer Questions (8 Marks)

1. "The Chishti silsila became the most influential Sufi order in India by the late 12th century." Discuss the lifestyle of Chishti saints and the reasons for their immense popularity. (CBSE 2017, 2020, 2023)
2. Discuss the major teachings and philosophy of Kabir Das. How did he critique prevailing orthodox religious practices? (CBSE 2018, 2021, 2024)

IV. Source-Based Question (4 Marks)

Source (CBSE 2023):

"Basavanna and his followers, known as Virashaivas or Lingayats, challenged the caste system and the idea of 'pollution' attributed to certain groups by Brahmanas. They also questioned the theory of rebirth. They encouraged practices such as post-puberty marriage and the remarriage of widows. Lingayats worship Shiva in his manifestation as a linga, and men usually wear a small linga in a silver case..."

Questions:

1. Who led the Virashaiva movement in Karnataka? (1 Mark)
2. What social reforms and ideas were advocated by the Lingayats? (2 Marks)
3. How do Lingayats worship Lord Shiva? (1 Mark)

V. Map Work (PYQ)

On the outline map of India, locate and label the following major Bhakti and Sufi centers:

1. **Ajmer** (Dargah of Muinuddin Chishti) (CBSE 2018, 2023)
2. **Amritsar** (Golden Temple / Harmandir Sahib) (CBSE 2020, 2024)
3. **Thanjavur** (Rajarajeshvara Shiva Temple) (CBSE 2019, 2022)