

Which ruler first established his or her capital at Delhi?

ANSWER:

Ananga Pala of the Tomara dynasty first established his capital at Delhi.

What was the language of administration under the Delhi Sultans?

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Persian was the language of administration under the Delhi Sultans.

In whose reign did the Sultanate reach its farthest extent?

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In Muhammad Tughluq's reign the Sultanat reached its farthest end.

Do you think the authors of *tawarikh* would provide information about the lives of ordinary men and women?

ANSWER:

No. The authors of *tawarikh* did not provide information about ordinary men and women. This was because they wrote in expectation of rewards by the sultan.

Raziyya Sultan was unique in the history of the Delhi Sultanate. Do you think women leaders are accepted more readily today?

ANSWER:

Make a list of the current women leaders in our country and compare them and their careers with that of the women leaders of the past. Once you have reached the conclusion, discuss your answer with your teacher.

Why were the Delhi Sultans interested in cutting down forests? Does deforestation occur for the same reasons today?

ANSWER:

Delhi Sultans were interested in cutting down forests because they wanted to encourage agriculture on the land.

According to the "circle of justice", why was it important for military commanders to keep the interests of the peasantry in mind?

ANSWER:

According to the Circle of Justice, it was important for the military commanders to keep the interests of the peasants in mind because the salaries of the soldiers came from the revenue collected from the peasants and peasants could pay the revenue only when they were prosperous and happy.

What was the impact of the Mongol invasions on the Delhi Sultanate?

ANSWER:

The Mongol invasions weakened the Sultanate as it caused the Sultans to implement a number of expensive protective measures.

What is meant by the “internal” and “external” frontiers of the Sultanate?

ANSWER:

‘Internal’ frontiers of the sultanate consisted of the ‘hinterland’ of the garrison towns. The ‘external’ frontiers refer to the unconquered territories especially in the southern parts of the subcontinent.