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Question 1:

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Question 2:

Why did kings want to control the Silk Route?

Answer:

Kings wanted to control the silk routes because they wanted to benefit from taxes, tributes and gifts that were brought by the traders travelling along the route.

Question 3:

What kinds of evidence do historians use to find out about trade and trade routes?

Answer:

To find out about trade and trade routes, historians use evidence present in the literature of the period. E.g. – the Sangam literature.

Question 4:

What were the main features of Bhakti?

Answer:

The main features of Bhakti were – emphasis on the devotion and individual worship of a deity rather than the performance of sacrifices. Another feature was the housing of deities in temples.

Question 5:

Discuss the reasons why the Chinese pilgrims came to India.

Answer:

The Chinese pilgrims came to India to visit places associated with the life of the Buddha as well as famous monasteries.

Question 6:

Why do you think ordinary people were attracted to Bhakti?

Answer:

Ordinary people were attracted to Bhakti because anybody, whether rich or poor, or whether belonging to high or low class, could follow the path of Bhakti.