

Ch 10 Eighteenth-Century Political Formations

Let's Recall

Q1 :

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| Subadar | a revenue farmer |
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| Misl | Maratha peasant warriors |
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| Umara | tax levied by the Marathas |

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Fill in the blanks:

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(b) *Umara* and *jagirdars* constituted powerful sections of the Mughal _____.

(c) Asaf Jah founded the Hyderabad state in _____.

(d) The founder of the Awadh state was _____.

Answer :

(a) Aurangzeb fought a protracted war in the deccan.

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(c) Asaf Jah founded the Hyderabad state in 1724.

(d) The founder of the Awadh state was Burhan-ul-Mulk Sa'adat Khan.

Q3 :

State whether true or false:

(a) Nadir Shah invaded Bengal.

(b) Sawai Raja Jai Singh was the ruler of Indore.

(c) Guru Gobind Singh was the tenth Guru of the Sikhs.

(d) Poona became the capital of the Marathas in the eighteenth century.

Answer :

(a) False

(b) False

(c) True

(d) True

Q4 :

What were the offices held by Sa'adat Khan?

Answer :

The offices held by Sa'adat Khan included subadari, diwani and faujdari.

Let's discuss

Q1 :

Why did the Nawabs of Awadh and Bengal try to do away with the *jagirdari* system?

Answer :

The Nawabs of Awadh and Bengal tried to do away with the jagirdari system because they wanted to put a curb on cheating as well as the Mughal influence in their kingdoms.

Q2 :

How were the Sikhs organized in the eighteenth century?

Answer :

In the eighteenth century, the Sikhs organized themselves into a number of bands called *jathas*, and later *misl*s. Their combined forces were known as the grand army (*dal khalsa*).

Q3 :

Why did the Marathas want to expand beyond the Deccan?

Answer :

The Marathas wanted to expand beyond the Deccan to receive tribute and control trade and agriculture.

Q4 :

What were the policies adopted by Asaf Jah to strengthen his position?

Answer :

To strengthen his position Asaf Jah brought skilled soldiers and administrators from northern India. He also appointed mansabdars and granted jagirs.