



SOURCE-BASED QUESTIONS

Question 1. Read the following extract (Source 1) taken from NCERT textbook (page 67) and answer the questions that follow.

“Dilli jo ek shahr tha alam mein intikhab...”

By 1739, Delhi had been sacked by Nadir Shah and plundered many times. Expressing the sorrow of those who witnessed the decline of the city, the eighteenth-century Urdu poet Mir Taqi Mir, said:

Dilli jo ek shahr tha alam mein intikhab,

.....

Ham rahne wale hain usi ujre dayar ke (I belong to the same ruined territory of Delhi, which was once a supreme city in the world)

Questions:

- (i) What sad affair took place in Delhi 1739?
- (ii) Who is Mir Taqi Mir? How does he lament over the ruins of Delhi?

Answers:

- (i) In 1739, Nadir Shah sacked and plundered the city of Delhi.
- (ii) Mir Taqi Mir is a eighteenth-century Urdu poet. He is one of the unfortunate persons who has witnessed the decline of the city of Delhi. He remembers those times when Delhi was a supreme city in the world. After Nadir Shah plundered this city, it became a deserted place.

PICTURE-BASED QUESTIONS

Observe the pictures taken from NCERT textbook subsequently and answer the questions that follow:

Question 1.



Questions:

- (i) What do you see in the above picture?

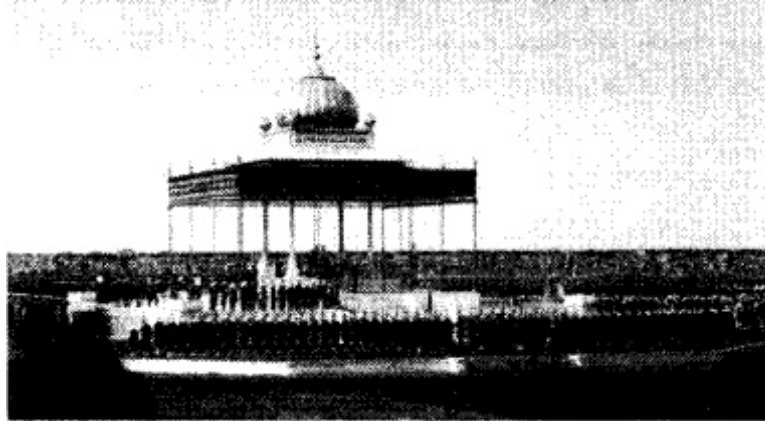
(ii) When did this city begin to grow?

Answers:

(i) The above picture is of Bombay port existed in the 18th century.

(ii) The city of Bombay began to grow when the East India Company started using Bombay as its main port in western India.

Question 2. The shrine of Nizamuddin Auliya in Delhi.



Questions:

(i) What does the above picture remind you?

(ii) When did this grand event take place?

(iii) What major decision was announced here?

Answers:

(i) The above picture reminds us the Coronation Durbar of King George V.

(ii) This important event took place on 12 December, 1911.

(iii) The decision to shift the capital of India from Calcutta to Delhi was announced at this Durbar.

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