

Subject- S.S.T Class- 7 Topic- Medieval India
Learn and Write

B. Short Answer Questions

1. What does the word medieval mean in history? Name the two sources of medieval history.
2. How has the extensive use of paper during the medieval period helped historians?
3. What is the difference between numismatics and epigraphy?
4. Write a short note on inscriptions as a source of medieval history.

- B. 1. Medieval stands for something that is located in the middle. In history, the period that lies between the ancient and modern periods is known as medieval. The two sources of medieval history are archaeological sources and literary sources.
2. The extensive use of paper in writing extensive accounts related to religion, rule of the different kings, judicial system and the taxation system provided valuable information to the historians.
3. Numismatics is a science of systematic collection and study of coins whereas epigraphy is a science of studying inscriptions or epigraphs.
4. The inscriptions on the wall of monuments or pillars give an insight into the rule of a particular dynasty. Inscriptions supporting wars or victories showcase military interests and achievements. They give a detailed picture of the life of the people, trade, commerce, administration and military exploits.

C. 1. Travelogues are the accounts written by travellers visiting different