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Chapter Name : Tribes, Nomads And Settled Communities

Q1 Match the following:

garh	khel
tanda	chaurasi
labourer	caravan
clan	Garha Katanga
Sib Singh	Ahom state
Durgawati	paik

Answer.

garh	chaurasi
tanda	caravan
labourer	paik
clan	Khel
Sib Singh	Ahom state
Durgawati	Garha Katanga

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Q2 Fill in the blanks:

- (a) The new castes emerging within varnas were called _____.
- (b) _____ were historical works written by the Ahoms.
- (c) The _____ mentions that Garha Katanga had 70,000 villages.
- (d) As tribal states became bigger and stronger, they gave land grants to _____ and _____.

Answer. (a) The new castes emerging within varnas were called jatis.

(b) Buranjis were historical works written by the Ahoms.

(c) The Akbar Nama mentions that Garha Katanga had 70,000 villages.

(d) As tribal states became bigger and stronger, they gave land grants to poets and scholars.

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Q3. State whether true or false:

- (a) Tribal societies had rich oral traditions.
- (b) There were no tribal communities in the northwestern part of the subcontinent. (c) The chaurasi in Gond states contained several cities.
- (d) The Bhils lived in the north-eastern part of the subcontinent.

Answer. (a) True

- (b) False
- (c) False
- (d) False

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Q4 What kinds of exchanges took place between nomadic pastoralists and settled agriculturists?

Answer. Nomadic pastoralists exchanged wool, ghee, etc. with settled agriculturalists for grain, cloth, utensils and other products.

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Q5 How was the administration of the Ahom state organised?

Answer. Ahom society was divided into clans called khels. A khel controlled several villages. All adult males served in the army during war. People from heavily populated areas were shifted to less populated places. Peasants were assigned land by the village community.

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Q6 What changes took place in varna-based society?

Answer. Within the varna-based society, smaller castes called jatis emerged. Jatis, rather than varna, became the basis for organizing society.

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Q7 How did tribal societies change after being organised into a state?

Answer. After being organized into a state, tribal societies gradually got divided into unequal social classes. The leading families joined the ruling class, while the others joined the lower jatis.

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Q8 Were the Banjaras important for the economy?

Answer. The banjaras were very important for the economy. They helped traders by working as carriers. At the same time they carried on their own trade and also transported food grains for the

Answer. Present-day government policies towards tribal populations are very positive. Education is being spread in the tribal areas. Facilities like roads, water, electricity have been increased. The government is doing actively for the overall upliftment of the tribal populations. The government has enforced reservation for them in government jobs. This policy of the government has helped the tribal people in many ways. They are now joining the mainstream of the society. The government is also determined to protect their cultural and social traditions.

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Q12 Find out more about present-day nomadic pastoral groups in the subcontinent. What animals do they keep? Which are the areas frequented by these groups?

Answer. Present-day nomadic pastoral groups in the sub-continent are – Gaddi shepherds living in the western Himalayas, Gujjar Bakarwals, living in Jammu & Kashmir, Banjaras living in Rajasthan. These nomadic people keep sheep, goats and camels. They frequently visit Kumaon region of Uttarakhand, Jammu & Kashmir and Rajasthan.

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