



CAMBRIAN PUBLIC SCHOOL

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THEME 5 REVISION ASSIGNMENT

Subject: History (027)

Class: XII

Theme 5: Through the Eyes of Travellers (Perceptions of Society, c. 10th–17th Centuries)

Section A: Very Short Answer Questions (1 Mark Each)

- 1) Name any one foreign traveller who visited India.
- 2) Who wrote the book Rihla?
- 3) Which Chinese pilgrim visited India during Harsha's reign?
- 4) Name the Moroccan traveller who served under Muhammad bin Tughlaq.
- 5) What is meant by a travelogue?

Section B: Short Answer Questions (3 Marks Each)

- 1) Explain the observations of Al-Biruni about Indian society.
- 2) Describe the contributions of Ibn Battuta's travel account.
- 3) Why are travel accounts considered important historical sources?

Section C: Long Answer Questions (5 Marks Each)

- 1) Compare the accounts of Al-Biruni, Ibn Battuta and François Bernier.
- 2) Discuss the value and limitations of travellers' accounts in reconstructing medieval Indian history.

Source-based Question

- 1) Read the NCERT extract from the travel accounts of Al-Biruni, Ibn Battuta or Bernier and answer the questions that follow.

Assignment Activity

- 1) Prepare a comparative chart showing the period, purpose of visit and major observations of Al-Biruni, Ibn Battuta and François Bernier.
