

CLASS:--11th,

HISTORY,

QUESTIONS & ANSWERS

CHAPTER:- 7

Question 1.

Mention a few characteristics of Venice and Genoa cities.

Answer:

Characteristics of Venice and Genoa cities:

- These were independent states.
- Both were different from the parts of the European cities.
- Both these cities were governed by an assistance from wealthy merchants and bankers.
- Ideas of citizens sprout on surface in these cities.

Question 2.

Which factors were responsible for the widening of European skills?

Answer:

Following factors were responsible for the widening of European skills:

- Archaeological discoveries
- New technologies of navigation
- Classical consideration of Rome and Greece
- Expansion of Islam and the Mongol conquests
- Opportunity to learn from India, Arabia, Iran, Central Asia and China

Question 3.

Do you think that the Renaissance started a new age?

Answer:

Undoubtedly, it can be said that the Renaissance started a new age. The

reasons are as follows: • The Renaissance broke the feudal bonds and established nation-states.

- Before the Renaissance period, the church was the supreme authority. People had complete faith in the authority of the church. But in the Renaissance period, rational thinking and logical thought were dominant.
- It brought about new ideologies in art and literature. Art and literature began to prosper and reached at its glory. Intellectuals and philosophers attacked on the social norms of the society through their writings. Many painters showed the evils of society through their paintings.

Question 4.

Enlist the names of women intellectually creative during the period of Renaissance in Europe. Answer:

The women like Cassandra Fedele and Isabella d'Este were educated in Latin and Greek. Fedele proved that woman can also become a humanist scholar and requested every woman to acquire humanist education. She said, "Even though the study of letters promises and offers no reward for women and no dignity, every woman ought to seek and embrace these studies". Her writings brought into focus the general regard for education in that age. Another lady Isabella d'Este ruled the state while her husband was absent and the court of Mantua was famed for its intellectual brilliance. Women's writings revealed their conviction that they should have economic power, property and education to achieve an identity in the male dominated world.

Question 5.

Why did the movement break out against the Catholic Church?

Answer:

The movement broke out against the Catholic Church due to the following reasons:

- The Catholics were closely related with the king and power for many centuries.
- They preferred a life full of luxury.
- Their life was completely different from common man.
- The Catholics were regarded more as the representatives of king than God as they had the power of extracting taxes.
- Because of such powers, they became unscrupulous which finally led to revolt by common man.

Question 6.

Which factors led to voyages discoveries?

Answer:

Following factors led to the voyages discoveries:

- Motive of enslaving people
- Encouragement to trade and commerce which led to earning money
- Desire to earn name and fame

Question 7.

Which factors indicate success of nation-states?

Answer:

The following points indicate the success of nation-states:

- It brought an end to all forms of slavery.
- New ideas emerged.

- There was much progress in the field of agriculture, industry and trade.
- It was responsible for the establishment of constitutional form of government in many countries.
- Rise of educated people, i.e. intellectual middle class.

Question 8.

The humanists made distinction between middle age and modern age. How?

Answer:

The humanists opined that after the collapse of Roman empire, the dark age had begun. Later on, scholars followed them and assumed that a new age had begun in Europe from 14th century. After the fall of Roman empire, they used the term 'Middle Age' for one thousand years. They argued that the church had complete control over the people. The period of Modern age started from 15th century.

Question 9.

What was the view of Leon Batista Alberti on architect?

Answer:

According to Alberti, an architect was a professional who beautifully fixed or assembled the parts of architecture and amassed bodies by the varied skilled and unskilled persons. The same is used by mankind for shelter. His expertise in his work made them immortal.

Question 10.

What did William Tyndale say in favor of Protestantism?

Answer:

William Tyndale said that clergy had forged the process, order and meaning of the ancient texts particularly because it was in Greek and Latin, not accessible to the common man. It was with a view to maintain their authority above the king and even above God himself. William Tyndale even intended to translate the Bible in mother tongue in order to lead the mass with real light.