

**BOARD-PATTERN PRACTICE PAPER · CBSE CLASS 12**

# Through the Eyes of Travellers: Perceptions of Society (c. 10th to 17th century)

History · Chapter 5 · Matches current CBSE blueprint · Each question PYQ-sourced where indicated

DATE	TOTAL MARKS	DURATION	MARKING	TARGET
_____	<b>25</b>	<b>60 min</b>	<b>As per board</b>	<b>≥ 20/25</b>

**GENERAL INSTRUCTIONS**

- All questions are compulsory.
- Marks are indicated against each question.
- Answers to 1-mark questions should be in one sentence.
- Answers to 3-mark questions should not exceed 80 words.
- Answers to 5-mark questions should not exceed 150 words.
- The 8-mark source-based question must be answered using the passage provided AND your own knowledge.

**Section A — Objective (1 mark each)**
**4 MARKS · 8 MIN**

- Q1.** In which language did Al-Biruni write Kitab-ul-Hind? [PYQ 2019 Delhi] **[1 mark]**
- Q2.** Name the scribe to whom Ibn Battuta dictated the Rihla. [PYQ 2022 Delhi] **[1 mark]**
- Q3.** To which French king did Francois Bernier dedicate his Travels in the Mogul Empire? [PYQ 2020 Outside Delhi]
- Q4.** What were the two kinds of state postal service described by Ibn Battuta? [PYQ 2023 Delhi] **[1 mark]**

**Section B — Short Answer (3 marks each)**
**6 MARKS · 16 MIN**

- Q5.** Briefly describe Al-Biruni's comparative method. [PYQ 2018 Delhi] **[3 marks]**
- Q6.** What was Ibn Battuta's description of the coconut and the paan? [PYQ 2021 Outside Delhi] **[3 marks]**

**Section C — Long Answer (5 marks each)**
**5 MARKS · 12 MIN**

- Q7.** Discuss the strengths and limitations of using travellers' accounts as a source of medieval Indian history. [PYQ 2020 Delhi] **[5 marks]**

**Section D — Source-Based (8 marks)**
**8 MARKS · 18 MIN**

- Q8.** Read the extract from Bernier's Travels and answer below. 'There is no MEUM and TUUM in property of the soil in this Empire. The Great Mogul is sole possessor of all the lands, and rents them out to his Omrahs, who hold them at his pleasure. Thus none cares for what he occupies. They impose no limit on the Peasantry, and the cultivators abandon their fields.' (i) Identify the central claim Bernier is making and name his book. (2) (ii) According to Bernier, what was the consequence of this land system for peasants and towns? (2) (iii) Give TWO reasons modern historians find Bernier's claim of 'no private property' overstated. (4) [PYQ 2022 Delhi] **[8 marks]**

**Section E — Map (2 marks)**
**2 MARKS · 6 MIN**

- Q9.** On the outline map of India, locate and label: (i) Multan (one route by which Al-Biruni's contemporaries entered India), (ii) Daulatabad (the planned twin-city Ibn Battuta described). [PYQ 2019 Delhi] **[2 marks]**

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