

Hots (Higher Order Thinking Skills)

Q.1. How did pastoral nomads survive?

Ans. (i) The pastoral nomads moved from one place to another with their herd of animals.

(ii) They survived on milk products and exchanged ghee, wool, etc. with the farmers for grains, cloth, utensils, etc.

(iii) They bought and sold these goods and then moved from one place to another transporting goods on their animals.

(iv) The Mughal emperor Jahangir wrote that the Banjaras used to collect grains from different areas and sell it in towns.

Q.2. How did Ahoms expand? How did they administer?

Ans. 1. The Ahoms formed the new kingdom by suppressing the older political system of Bhuiyans (landlords).

2. They captured the kingdom of Chhutiyas and of Koch-Hajo in the 16th century.

3. They themselves made high quality gunpowder and cannons and used them in the warfare.

4. Mughals, in 1662 under Mir Jumla, defeated the Ahoms.

5. The Ahom state depended on forced labour in the form of Paiks.

6. Census was done in the village. Each village had to send paiks on the basis of rotation.

7. All male adults had to serve the army in times of emergency.

8. The Ahom society was divided into khels or clans.

9. A khel controlled several villages.