

Hots (Higher Order Thinking Skills)

Q.1. What was the attitude of Alvars and Nayanars towards various cults in India?

Ans. (i) The Alvars and Nayanars claimed that their compositions were as important as the Vedas.

(ii) They held that their text was as significant as the four Vedas in Sanskrit that was cherished by the Brahmins.

(iii) The images of their saints are worshipped side by side with those of Vishnu and his various incarnations (avatars).

(iv) The Nayanars composed their devotional songs with the highest spiritual sentiments and set up Shaivism on a strong footing.

Q.2. Examine Kabir as a great saint of Sant movement.

Ans. (i) The most famous teacher of the Sant movement was Kabir.

(ii) These were the main objectives of his teachings: (a) to achieve inward spiritual bliss, (b) condemnation of empty rituals, (c) to foster harmony between Hinduism and Islam.

(iii) He believed in one formless God, rejected both Vedas and Quran and the supremacy of the Brahmins and Mullahs.

Q.3. How did Sufi saints promote universal brotherhood?

Ans. (i) The Sufi saints preached love of mankind and universal brotherhood.

(ii) They were against all distinctions of caste, colour, creed and sect.

(iii) The Hindus as well as the Muslims were offered food prepared in one and the same kitchen.