

## **Hots (Higher Order Thinking Skills)**

**Q.1. Why information about the medieval period is much more than the ancient period?**

**Ans.** The number and variety of textual records increased dramatically during this period. They slowly displaced other types of available information. Through this period, paper gradually became cheaper and more widely available. People used it to write holy texts, chronicles of rulers, letters and teachings of saints, petitions and judicial records, and for registers of accounts and taxes. Manuscripts were collected by wealthy people, rulers, monasteries and temples. They were placed in libraries and archives.

**Q.2. How did Islam grow as a major religion in medieval India?**

**Ans.** Merchants and migrants first brought the teachings of the holy Quran to India in the 7th century. Many rulers were patrons of Islam and the ulama learned theologians and jurists. Islam was interpreted in a number of ways by its followers. There were the Shia Muslims, who believed that the Prophet Muhammad's son-in-law, Ali, was the leader of the Muslim community and the Sunni Muslims accepted the authority of the Khalifas.