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- i. It was during this period that important changes occurred in Hinduism. These included the worship of new deities, the construction of temples by royalty and the growing importance of Brahmanas, the priests, as dominant groups in society.
- ii. There was emergence of the idea of bhakti among the people.
- iii. This was also the period when new religions appeared in the subcontinent. Merchants and migrants first brought the teachings of the holy Quran to India in the seventh century.
- iv. Many rulers were patrons of Islam and the ulama – learned theologians and jurists.

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Ans. Coins are important for study as –

- i. It tells us about the reigning periods of kings and gives us dates of important political events.
- ii. It tells us about the economy of the kingdom and trade with other regions.

Inscriptions are useful source of history because –

- i. They record royal proclamations, religious instruction and gifts given by rulers to temples and villages.
- ii. It tells us about the important events in the king's life, about the people of particular time and even narrates the achievement of king.