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Ans. Forests were cleared in the Ganga-Yamuna doab and hunter gatherers and pastoralists expelled from their habitat. These lands were given to peasants and agriculture was encouraged. New fortresses and towns were established to protect trade routes and to promote regional trade. No, deforestation does not occur for the same reasons today. Today forests are cleared due to overpopulation, urbanization and commercialization.

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Ans. The two reasons that prompted Muhammad-bin- Tughluq to shift the capital to Daulatabad were:

- i. The king felt that he would be able to control and administer the empire better from Daulatabad since it was located in the centre of empire.
- ii. The Mongols were a constant threat to Delhi. Daulatabad would be safe from Mongol attacks.

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Ans. Muhammad Tughluq's administrative measures were a failure. His campaign into Kashmir was a disaster. He then gave up his plans to invade Transoxiana and disbanded his large army. Meanwhile, his administrative measures created complications. The shifting of people to Daulatabad was resented. The raising of taxes and famine in the Ganga-Yamuna belt led to widespread rebellion. And finally, the "token" currency had to be recalled.