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Ans. Mughal campaigns continued in the Deccan under Shah Jahan. The Afghan noble Khan Jahan Lodi rebelled and was defeated. Campaigns were launched against Ahmadnagar; the Bundelas were defeated and Orchha seized. In the north-west, the campaign to seize Balkh from the Uzbegs was unsuccessful and Qandahar was lost to the Safavids. In 1632 Ahmadnagar was finally annexed and the Bijapur forces sued for peace.

- Q2. What were the main features of sulh-i kul?
- Ans. Akbar introduced the idea of sulh-i kul or "universal peace". Its main features were:

i. This idea of tolerance did not discriminate between people of different religions in his realm.

ii. Instead it focused on a system of ethics – honesty, justice andpeace – that was universally applicable.

- Q3. Why was it important for the Mughals to recruit mansabdars from diverse backgrounds and not just Turanis and Iranis?
- Ans. As the empire expanded to encompass different regions the Mughals

recruited diverse bodies of people. From a small nucleus of Turkish

nobles (Turanis) they expanded to include Iranians, Indian Muslims,

Afghans, Rajputs, Marathas and other groups. Those who joined Mughal

service were enrolled as mansabdars.