

**CLASS:--12<sup>TH</sup>, HISTORY, REVISION NOTES, CHAPTER:- 11**

**Question 1.**

**What were the major developments before the Meiji restoration that made it possible for Japan to modernise rapidly?**

**Answer:**

The following developments helped in the modernization of Japan before the Meiji restoration:

- Peasants were not allowed to carry arms, only Samurai could carry swords now.
- Growth of population led to the growth of commercial economy.
- Efforts were made to develop silk industry.
- People developed reading habits.
- The export of precious metals restricted.
- Theater and arts were patronized in towns.
- Land surveys were made.

**Question 2.**

**Discuss how daily life was transformed as Japan developed?**

**Answer:**

Earlier in Japan, the patriarchal household system prevailed. In it, many generations lived together under the control of the head of the family. New ideas of the family spread. People became more affluent. Home, the new home was a nuclear family where husband and wife lived together. The new concept of domesticity generated demands for new types of domestic goods and new forms of farming.

**Question 3.**

**How did the Qing dynasty try and meet the challenge posed by the Western powers?**

**Answer:**

The Qing dynasty could not meet the challenges posed by the Western powers. They utterly failed. The Qing dynasty also demanded change in the country. But they also failed in this endeavour.