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Class-8th

(Based on N C E R T pattern)

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History

Colonial Education

Question 1.

Why did Mahatma Gandhi think that English education had enslaved Indians?

Answer:

According to Mahatma Gandhi, colonial education created a sense of inferiority in the minds of Indians. He said it made them see Western civilisation as superior which destroyed the pride they had in their own culture.

He said: It was sinful—it enslaved Indians—it cast an evil spell on them.

1. Charmed by the West, appreciating everything that came from the West, Indians educated in these institutions admired British rule.
2. Mahatma Gandhi wanted an education that could help Indians recover their sense of dignity and self-respect.
3. Mahatma Gandhi -strongly was in favour of Indian languages to be the medium of teaching.
4. Education in English crippled Indians and distanced them from their own social surroundings.

This made them “strangers in their own lands”. Speaking a foreign tongue (language) despised local culture.

5. Mahatma Gandhi further said that western education focused on reading and writing rather than oral knowledge;
6. It valued textbooks rather than life experience and practical knowledge.
7. He said education should develop a person’s mind and soul.
8. Literacy or simply learning to read and write—by itself did not count as education.
9. People had to work with their hands and learn a craft. They should know how different things operated.

Question 2.

Find out from your grandparents about what they studied in school.

Answer:

- Urdu/Hindi language
- Mathematics
- Social study, Drawing.

Question 3.

Find out about the history of your school or any other school in the area you live.

Answer:

I study in St. Peters Academy. It is the oldest one in this region. It was established by a Christian Missionary in 1980. It has created many histories by achieving so many events to its credit. The Principal is always appointed by the missionary.

The man of high academic repute and administrative quality is appointed here as Principal. Teachers are also of high talent. There are five thousand students. Its students always bring high laurels to school and region by achieving bright result in Board Examinations. I am proud of my school.

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