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Class-8th

(Based on N C E R T pattern)

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History

Colonial Education

Question 1 .

What task was assigned to the pandit by the Company?

Answer:

The Company assigned the pandit to visit the pathshalas and try to improve the standard of teaching.

Question 2 .

Name two Indians who reacted against Western education.

Answer:

Mahatma Gandhi and Rabindranath Tagore.

Question 3 .

What do you mean by Tagore's abode of peace?

Answer:

Tagore's Shantmiketan was established in a rural setting, 100 kilometres away from Calcutta. As it was far from the din and bustle of the city it was an abode of peace.

Question 4.

How did Tagore view his school namely Shantmiketan?

Answer:

He viewed his school as an abode of peace where living in harmony with nature, children would cultivate their natural creativity.

Question 5.

Why did many Company officials in India want to promote Indian rather than Western learning?

Answer:

Many Company officials felt that institutions should be set up to encourage the study of ancient Indian texts and teach Sanskrit and Persian literature and poetry. These officials were of the opinion that Hindus and Muslims ought to be taught what they were already familiar with and what they valued and preserved, not subjects that were alien to them. They believed that only by doing this the British could win the hearts of the Indians, only then they could expect to be respected by their subjects.

Question 6.

What were the views of other Company officials?

Answer:

Other Company officials did not approve the ideas of the Orientalists. They began to criticise the Orientalist- vision of learning. They saved that the knowledge of the East was full of errors and unscientific thought. They saw Eastern literature as non-serious and light-hearted. So, they argued that it was wrong on the part of the British to spend so much effort in encouraging the study of Arabic and Sanskrit language and literature.

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