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History

Colonial education

Question 1.

Why did Mahatma Gandhi want to teach children handicrafts?

Answer:

Mahatma Gandhi wanted to teach children handicraft because of the following reasons:

- People would work with their hands.
- The craft would develop their minds.
- It would also develop their capacities to understand.

Question 2.

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

Answer:

1. 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.

2. Charmed by the West, appreciating everything that came from the West, Indians educated in these institutions admired British rule.
3. Mahatma Gandhi wanted an education that could help Indians recover their sense of dignity and self-respect.
4. Mahatma Gandhi -strongly was in favour of Indian languages to be the medium of teaching.
5. 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.
6. Mahatma Gandhi further said that western education focused on reading and writing rather than oral knowledge;
 - It valued textbooks rather than life experience and practical knowledge.
 - He said education should develop a person’s mind and soul.
 - Literacy or simply learning to read and write—by itself did not count as education.
7. People had to work with their hands and learn a craft. They should know how different things operated.

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