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ASSIGNMENTS

Chapter: HOW, WHEN AND WHERE

I	Con	nplete the following sentences:
	(i) (ii) (iii) (iv) (v)	Modern Indian history begins from to A.D. The first Governor – General of India was The last Governor – General of India was For the first time divided Indian history into 3 periods in his book 'A history of British India'. Indian historians have divided Indian history into, and period. Britannia means the symbol of power.
	(vii)	thought all Asian society were at a lower of civilization than Europe.
	(viii)	The National Archives of India is situated in
	(ix)	became common under the colonial administration.
	(x)	Census operations were held every years.
	(xi)	In the common notion history was synonymous with
II	State	e the following whether correct or incorrect:
	(i) (ii) (iii) (iv) (v)	History is about changes that occur over time. Dates are important in history. Mill thought that all Asian society were at a lower level of civilization than Europe. James Mill was a British economist. Official records of the British administration is an important source.
III	Ansv	wer the following questions briefly:
	(i) (ii) (iii) (iv)	Why do we try and divide history into different periods? How according to James Mill, could British rule civilize Indian society? What do you understand by the process of colonization? Why did the British set up record rooms attached to all administrative institution?

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	(v) (vi) (vii) (viii) (ix)	Why did surveys become important in the colonial administration? What were the problems faced with official records? What is calligraphy? How have historians divided the Indian history? How did James Mill divide Indian history? What justification did he give?
Cha	pter :	FROM TRADE TO TERRITORY
I	Com	plete the following sentences:
	(i)	Aurangzeb died in A.D.
	(ii) (iii) (iv) (v) (vi)	The East India Company came to India in A.D. The East India Company received 'farman' to trade in India from The Battle of Plassey was fought in A.D. was the 'nawab' of Bengal during the battle of Plassey. In 1765 the Mughal emperor appointed the company as the of Bengal.
	(vii)	The battle of Plassey was fought inAD.
	(viii)	discovered the sea – route to India in 1498.
	(ix)	Froma new system of justice was established.
	(x)	was appointed as the Governor of Bengal in 1772.
	(xi)	Third Battle of Panipat was fought in
II	State	whether the following are correct or incorrect.
	(i)	Delhi could function as an effective centre as powerful regional kingdoms emerged.
	(ii)	By the second half of the 18 th century, a new power emerging on the political horizon – the French.
	(iii)	In 1600, the East India Company acquired a charter from the ruler of

Siraj-uddaulah became the Nawab of Bengal in 1796.

England, Queen Elizabeth 1, granting it the sole right to trade with the East. The first English factory was set up on the banks of the river Hugli in 1651.

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- III Answer the following questions:
 - (i) What were the grievances of the Nawabs of Bengal against the British?
 - (ii) When did the Mughal emperor appoint the Company as the Diwan of the province of Bengal? What did the Diwan allow the Company to do?
 - (iii) What were the Nawabs of Bengal forced to do for the Company officials after the battle of Plassey?
 - (iv) Write the terms of the 'Subsidiary Alliance'.
 - (v) What according to James Mill is the position of the Resident who is appointed by the Company?
 - (vi) What attracted European trading companies to India?
 - (vii) How did the company claim paramount?
 - (viii) When did the Mughal emperor appoint EIC as the Diwan of Bengal?
 - (ix) How did the company try to maximize its income?
 - (x) How could the Company ensure its revenue income?
 - (xi) Why did the Company think of changing the revenue settlement?

Chapter: RULING THE COUNTRYSIDE

I	Com	plete the following sentences:
	a)	On 12 th August, 1765, the Mughal emperor appointed the East India Company as theof Bengal.
	b)	As Diwan, the company became the chief administration of the territory under its control.
	c)	In
	d)	Lord Cornwallis introduced settlement in Bengal in A.D.
	e)	Mahalwari system was introduced by in
	f)	introduced ryotwari settlement.
	g)	Nij & Ryoti were two main system of cultivation.
	h)	introduced the permanent settlement in 1793 AD.
	i)	The Champaran movement was against

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j)	print was created by weavers of Andhra Pradesh.
k)	The international demand for Indigo was affected by the discovery of

II Answer the following questions:

- a) What was the responsibility of the East India Company as the Diwan of Bengal?
- b) What was the balance of trade for the British in India before 1865?
- c) Why did the British feel that there was a need to improve agriculture?
- d) What was Permanent settlement? What was the problem with it?
- e) Explain Mahalwari settlement. In which areas was it introduced?
- f) Explain Ryotwari settlement. Where was it introduced?
- g) Discuss the main features of Permanent settlement?
- h) Give two problems which arose with the Munro system of fixing revenue?
- i) What do you know about the "Blue revolution"?
- j) What method did the companies adopt to expand area under Indigo cultivation?
- k) Why were the ryots reluctant to grow Indigo?
- What were the circumstances which led to collapse of indigo production in Bengal?

III Short answer questions:

- a) Enlist the duties of the company as Diwan.
- b) What crisis was faced in the economy of Bengal?
- c) Why didn't the Zamindars think of improving the land under them?
- d) What were draw backs of the revenue system?
- e) When & why did the demand for indigo grew?
- f) Mention the ways by which the company tried to expand the area under indigo cultivation.
- g) What steps did the government take post 1857 in apprehension of an indigo rebellion?
- h) What were the problems faced by the peasants under ryoti system? Did it benefit the cultivator and the planter?

IV Long answer questions:

- a) What do you know about the 'Blue rebellion'?
- b) What were the terms of ryoti system?

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- c) State the problem with nij cultivation?
- d) Mention the revenue system devised in the North- Western Frontier Province of Bengal and why? Mention the terms of the settlement.
- e) Explain the terms of the Permanent settlement. Were the peasants happy with the settlement?

<u>Chapter : TRIBALS, DIKUS AND THE VISION OF A GOLDEN AGE (ACTIVITY BASED)</u>

Chapter:	WHEN	PEOPLE	REBEL

Complete the following sentences:	
a) b) c) d)	Nana Sahib was the adopted son of The sepoy mutiny begin from was the general of Nana Sahib. was declared as the leader of the mutiny.
e)	Hazrat Mahal acted as a regent for the heir of
f)	was the adopted son of peshwa Baji Rao
g)	was declared as the leader of the mutiny.
h)	was the commander in chief of the Indian troops.
i)	Bahadur Shah Zafar and his wife were sent to prison to in 1858.
j) k)	escaped to jungles and continued to fight a guerrilla war. After the mutiny of 1857 the Governor-General of India was given the title of
n)	i.e

- II Answer the questions briefly:
 - a) Why were the nawabs & rajas angry with the British?
 - b) What did Rani Laxmibai try to negotiate with the company?
 - c) How did the British take over Awadh?
 - d) What were the resentments of peasants & sepoys against the British?

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- e) Mention the laws passed by the British to reform Indian society.
- f) How did the company treat Bahadur Shah Zafar & his family?
- g) Mention the various leaders of the revolt & the area they belonged to.
- h) When did East India Company face a massive rebellion?
- i) Where did the rebellion begin?
- j) Why was Mangal Pandey hanged to death?
- k) What did Ahmadullah Shah Prophesize?

Chapter: COLONIALISM AND THE CITY

I	Com	plete the following sentences:
	a)	In late 18 th Century, and emerged as important
	b)	Presidency cities. Cities like, and were deurbanized during 19 th Century.
	c)	Delhi has been a capital for more than years.
	d)	The capital built by ShahJahan was named as
	e)	The period from 1830 to 1857 is considered as a period of the Delhi
	f)	In 1911, was held in Delhi to celebrate the crowning of George V in England.
	g)	New Delhi was constructed on hills.
	h)	Two architects and were called on to design New Delhi and its buildings.
	i)	New Delhi took nearly years to build.
	j)	The Delhi improvement trust was set up in
	k)	In the British gained control of Delhi after defeating the Marathas.
II	Shor	t answer questions:
	a)	Why did earlier centres of regional powers collapse? Give example.
	b)	'Delhi during Shah Jahan's time was also an important centre of Sufi culture'. Comment.
	c)	How do you describe Delhi's society in the 19 th century?
	d)	Why did Lytton organize a Durbar?
	e)	What led to the decline of havelis?

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- f) Write about the Lahori gate improvement Scheme. Who planned it and for whom?
- g) When was Delhi Improvement Trust set up? Mention its work.
- h) Discuss the causes of decline of small cities during the British rule?
- i) What changes were introduced in the old city in 19th century?
- j) Why is the period from 1830 1857 known as the period of Delhi Renaissance?
- k) What steps were taken to decongest the walled city of Delhi?
- l) How did the life of the refugees change after the partition?
- m) Why was the Viceroy's palace higher than Jama Masjid?

<u>Cha</u>	pter :	Civilizing The Native, Educating The Nation	
I	Complete the following sentences.		
	(a)	founded the Asiatic society of Bengal	
	(b)	English education was introduced the year	
	(c)	Shanti Niketan was established by	
	(d)	said that English education has enslaved us.	
	(e)	attacked the Orientalists.	
	(f)	was established in Banaras in 1791.	
	(g)	felt that Indian languages ought to be the medium of teaching.	
	(h)	Upto mid nineteenth century, the Company was concerned with education.	
	(i)	Pathshalas which accepted new rules where supported through grants.	
II	Ansv	ver the following questions:	
	(a)	What was the condition of Pathshalas during the British rule?	

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- (b) Which journal was started by William Jones?
- (c) Who were the founders of the Asiatic society of Bengal?
- (d) What kind of an attitude did Jones and Colebrook came to represent towards India?
- (e) What were the criticisms against the Orientalist vision of learning?
- (f) How did James Mill attack the Orientalists?
- (g) When was the English education Act introduced?
- (h) What did the Wood's Dispatch of 1854 emphasize?
- (i) When and where were universities established in India?
- (j) How did Mahatma Gandhi view colonial education?
- (k) Where were the differences between Gandhiji and Rabindranath Tagore regarding education?

Chapter: Women Caste And Reforms

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I	Complete the following sentences.	
	(a)	Self Respect Movement was started by
	(b)	Arya Samaj was founded by
	(c)	Temple Entry Movement was started by
	(d)	Satyashodhak Samaj was started by
	(e)	Prathana samaj was established in
	(f)	reinterpreted verses from the Koran to argue for women's education.
	(g)	Satnami movement in central India was founded by

differences between men and women.

Tarabai Shinde published a book criticizing social

DELHI PUBLIC SCHOOL Assignment Booklet Indirapuram, Ghaziabad (Class - VIII : SOCIAL STUDIES) (i) In 1873 wrote a book named Gulamgiri meaning slavery. (j) Raja Ram Mohan Roy founded a reform association known as samaj. (k) In the year sati was banned. II Answer the following questions: What do you understand by the term 'Sati'? (a) (b) Write about the reforms of Ram Mohan Ray. How did Ishwar Chandra Vidyasagar change the lives of widows? (c) (d) Write about the contributions of Begum Rokeya and Pandita Ramabai. When was Prathana Samaj established? What did it work for? (e) (f) Write about Aligarh movement. Who started the temple entry movement? (g)Who wrote the book Gulamgiri? What does the word Gulamgiri mean? (h) Write about the reform of Raja Ram Mohan Roy? (i) (j) Write about the Aligarh movement. ______ Chapter: The Making Of The National Movement: 1870s-1947 I Complete the following sentences. (a) was the founder of Indian National Congress. Simon Commission came to India in (b) Rowlatt Act was passed in (c) (d) Kesari was edited by

..... expressed the pain and anger of the country by renouncing

Muslim league was formed in

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(e)

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(g)	was the India's first Governor General.
(h)	
(i)	was the founder of Khudai Khidmatgar.
(j)	The Indian Act of 1935 prescribed autonomy.
(k)	Congress split in the year
Answ	ver the following questions:
A.	Which was the first all India struggle against the British government?
B.	Mention Gandhiji's early experiments with Satyagraha in India.
C.	Why did Gandhiji call off the Non-cooperation movement?
D.	What did Rabindranath Tagore do as a reaction to Jallian Wallah Bagh
	Massacre?
E.	What was the significance of the Lucknow Pact?
F.	What was the Swadeshi movement in Andhra Pradesh known as?
G.	Which extremist leader said 'Freedom is my birth right and I shall have it?
H.	Who were the leaders of Khilafat agitation?

When and by whom was the Muslim League set up?

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