

Class -8th

History ch-7

Que1) Why did Tagore hate going to school in his school days?

Ans-He found school suffocating and oppressive. The school appeared like a prison to him as he could never do what he felt like doing. And the experience of Tagore's school days in Calcutta shook his ideas of education. These were reasons why he hated going to school in his school days.

Que2) What did Mahatma Gandhi say about western education?

Ans-Mahatma Gandhi said that western education focused on reading and writing rather than oral knowledge. It valued textbooks rather than practical knowledge. He argued that education ought to develop a person's mind and soul. Literacy or simple learning to read and write by itself did not count as education.

Que3)What consequences were there of the new rules and routine over the earlier pathshala students who accepted the British rules?

Ans-In the earlier system of Pathshala, students from poor peasant families had been able to go to pathshalas as the timetable was flexible before adoption of rules of the British government.

The discipline of the new system demanded regular attendance, even during harvest time when children of poor families had to work in the fields.

Que4)What did James Mill declare while attacking the orientalists?

Ans-James Mill attacked the orientalists and declared that the British should not make efforts to teach what the natives wanted or respected, in order to please them. The aim of education ought to be to teach what was useful and practical. So Indians should be made familiar with the scientific and technical advancements.

Que5) Explain Wood's Despatch. What was mentioned in its provision?

Ans-In 1854, the Court of Directors of the East India Company in London sent an educational despatch to the Governor-General in India, issued by Charles Wood. It has come to be known as Wood's Despatch.

1) It emphasized once again on the practical benefits of system of European learning.

2) It said, it would enable Indians to recognize the advantages that flow from the expansion of trade and commerce.

3) Wood's Despatch argued that European learning would improve the moral character of Indians.