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An English Assignment: Essay

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A- Answer the question:

1. The great moments written about are when Battambang and Siem Reap were returned to Cambodia by Thailand in 1907 and when Cambodia became independent in 1953.
2. Battambang and Siem Reap had belonged to Thailand for 113 years.
3. Answer:
 - A. If France had been a charity, it would have used its own funds to pay for its administration and development projects.
 - B. In fact, France paid for its administration and development projects out of taxes forced on the people.
4. Answer:
 - a. There were at least two signs that the people, especially the poor farmers, weren't happy. The first was in 1916, when thousands of farmers from all over the country asked Sisowath to reduce their taxes. The second was in 1925, when they killed Bardez, while he was trying to collect their taxes.
 - b. The farmers weren't happy because (i). they had to pay taxes. (ii). The taxes were not used to develop education, health and the rural areas, which would have helped the farmers, but were used to keep the king happy and develop the town areas.

B- Fill in the gaps:

In Cambodia, France was not a charity. If it had been, it would have paid for its administration and projects itself. Nevertheless, the French thought the people should have been happy, because they were developing the country. And, no doubt, some people were. But if the farmers had been happy, they wouldn't have gone to Phnom Penh to complain about their taxes. The taxes were high, but even then, if they had been used to develop education, health and the rural areas, the farmers wouldn't have suffered so much. In fact, in the long term, they would have received some benefit.

C- Write about the history of Cambodia 1863 to 1953

1906: Sisowath crowned king of Cambodia.

1907: Battambang and Siem Reap returned to Cambodia,

1916: Farmers asked Sisowath to reduce the taxes.

1925: Bardez killed in the village of Krang Leav.

1927: Sisowath died and Monivong became King.

1941: Monivong died and Sihanouk became king.

1953: Cambodia became an Independent Nation.