

## BPSC

## Modern History

DPP: 6

## European Company 4

**Q1 Which Portuguese governor banned the practice of Sati in his area?**

- (A) Francisco de Almeida
- (B) Nuno da Cunha
- (C) Alphonso de Albuquerque
- (D) Joa de Castro

**Q2 The Dutch East India Company started its factory in Musulipatnam in 1605. Which city did they later establish as their main headquarters?**

- (A) Pulicat
- (B) Nagapatnam
- (C) Cochin
- (D) Cranganore

**Q3 Where did the French establish their first factory in India?**

- (A) Masulipatnam
- (B) Surat
- (C) Pondicherry
- (D) Goa

**Q4**

**Consider the following statements regarding the French presence in India:**

1. The French East India Company was founded in 1664 during the reign of Louis XIV.
2. The first French factory in India was established at Chandernagore in 1668.
3. Pondicherry became the main center of French power in India under Francois Martin in 1674.

**Which of the statements given above is/are correct?**

- (A) 1 and 3 only
- (B) 2 and 3 only
- (C) 1, 2 and 3
- (D) 1 and 2

**Q5 The Battle of Wandiwash (1760) was fought between the British and which of the following?**

- (A) The French
- (B) The Portuguese
- (C) The Dutch
- (D) The Nawab of Carnatic



## Answer Key

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Q1 (C)

Q2 (B)

Q3 (B)

Q4 (A)

Q5 (A)



## Hints & Solutions

### Q1 Text Solution:

Ans :- C

Explanation :-

- Albuquerque encouraged marriages with Indian women so that a permanent Portuguese population could be settled in India. He also banned the practice of Sati in his area of influence.

### Q2 Text Solution:

Ans: (b)

Explanation:

- The Dutch East India Company initially set up a factory in Musulipatnam in 1605.
- They established their main headquarters at Pulicat in 1609 after Musulipatnam.
- They moved their headquarters from Pulicat to Nagapatnam in 1658.
- Pulicat and Nagapattinam were both important Dutch settlements during their rule in India.

### Q3 Text Solution:

Ans. (b)

Explanation:

- In 1667 AD, an expedition led by Francis Caro reached India. In **1668 AD**, this group established its first **factory in Surat**.
- In 1669 AD, the French established a second factory in Masulipatnam located on the east coast of India and Francis Martin was given the responsibility of the settlements of Surat and Masulipatnam.
- In 1672 AD, Admiral Day captured Santhome from the Sultan of Golconda. And established

his factory here.

### Q4 Text Solution:

Ans: (a)

Explanation:

- **Statement 1 is correct:** During the reign of Louis XIV, the king's famous minister Colbert laid the foundation of the Compagnie des Indes Orientales (French East India Company) in **1664**.
- **Statement 2 is incorrect:** The first French factory in India was established at Surat in 1668, not Chandernagore.
- **Statement 3 is correct:** Pondicherry became the main center of French power in India under Francois Martin, who assumed control in 1674. François Martin established a trading center in Pondicherry in 1674. Pondicherry was captured by the Dutch in **1693** but was returned to the French by the **Treaty of Ryswick (1699)**.

### Q5 Text Solution:

Answer: (A)

Explanation:

- The Battle of Wandiwash, fought on 22nd January 1760 in present-day Tamil Nadu, was the decisive conflict of the **Third Carnatic War**.
- It was fought between **British forces under Eyre Coote** and **French forces led by Count de Lally**.

The British victory ended significant French military presence in India, paving the way for **British dominance** in the subcontinent.

