



VERY SHORT ANSWER QUESTIONS

Question 1. Why were Bengal artisans deserting villages?

Answer: Bengal artisans were deserting villages because they were being pressurised to sell their goods to the Company at low prices.

Question 2. Name the Governor-General of India when the Permanent Settlement was introduced.

Answer: Charles Cornwallis.

Question 3. What did the Permanent Settlement actually mean?

Answer: The amount of revenue the peasants were expected to pay was fixed permanently, that is, it was not to be increased ever in future.

Question 4. What problems did zamindars face under the Permanent Settlement?

Answer: As the revenue had been fixed at very high rate, zamindars found it difficult to pay. Anyone who failed to pay the revenue lost his zamindari.

Question 5. Who was William Morris?

Answer: He was a famous poet and artist of 19th century Britain. He designed a floral cotton print known as Morris cotton print.

Question 6. Who created Kalamkari print?

Answer: The weavers of Andhra Pradesh created Kalamkari print.

Question 7. What is common in the two prints—a Kalamkari print and a Morris cotton print?

Answer: Both use a rich blue colour commonly known as indigo.

Question 8. What is indigo?

Answer: It is a plant that produces rich blue colour used as a dye.

Question 9. Why did cloth dyers prefer indigo to woad?

Answer: Cloth dyers preferred indigo as a dye because it produced a rich blue colour, whereas the dye from woad was pale and dull.

Question 10. Where did the French begin cultivating indigo?

Answer: The French began cultivating indigo in St Domingue in the Caribbean islands.

Question 11. Where did the English cultivate indigo?

Answer: The English cultivated indigo in Jamaica.

Question 12. What did indigo cultivation require?

Answer: It required many ploughs and bullocks.

Question 13. What was big problem for the planters?

Answer: They were not in position to invest on purchase and maintenance of ploughs.

Question 14. What role did women play in the cultivation of indigo?

Answer: They carried the indigo plant to vats.

Question 15. What did indigo workers do in waist-deep water?

Answer: They beat the indigo solution.

Question 16. Who were the gomasthas?

Answer: They were the agents of planters.

Question 17. Who were the lathiyals?

Answer: They were the lathi-wielding strong men maintained by the planters.

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