



VERY SHORT ANSWER QUESTIONS

Question 1. Mention different types of activities of the tribal people.

Answer:

- (a) Some practised jhum cultivation
- (b) Some were hunter-gatherers.
- (c) Some herded animals.
- (d) Some took to settled cultivation.

Question 2. Why did the British want tribal groups to settle down and become peasant cultivators?

Answer: It was because settled peasants were easier to control and administer than people who were always on the move.

Question 3. Why did the British introduce land settlements?

Answer: They did so in order to get a regular revenue source for the state.

Question 4. Why were some forests classified as Reserved Forests?

Answer: These forests produced timber which the British wanted.

Question 5. What problem did the British face after they stopped the tribal people from living inside forests?

Answer: They faced the problem of shortage of labour.

Question 6. Why did the Forest Department establish forest villages?

Answer: It did so in order to ensure a regular supply of cheap labour.

Question 7. How did the tribal groups view the market and the traders?

Answer: They viewed them as their main enemies.

Question 8. Who was Birsa?

Answer: Birsa belonged to a family of Mundas, a tribal group that lived in Chottanagpur.

Question 9. What did people say about him?

Answer: People said that he had miraculous powers. He could cure all diseases and multiply grain.

Question 10. What problems did Birsa set out to resolve?

Answer:

- (a) The familiar ways of tribals seemed to be disappearing.
- (b) Their livelihoods were under threat.
- (c) The religion appeared to be in danger. Birsa set out to resolve these problems.

Question 11. Who were the outsiders being referred to as dikus?

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Answer: Traders, moneylenders, missionaries, Hindu landlords and the British were the outsiders being referred to as dikus.

Question 12. On what charges was Birsa convicted?

Answer: Birsa was convicted on the charges of rioting.

Question 13. When did Birsa die and how?

Answer: He died of cholera in 1900.

Question 14. When and where was the forest satyagraha staged?

Answer: The forest satyagraha occurred in 1930s in the Central Provinces.

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