



VERY SHORT ANSWER TYPE QUESTIONS

Question 1. Name the events for which specific dates can be determined.

Answer: The year a king was crowned, the year he married, the year he had a child, the year he fought a particular battle, the year he died, etc.

Question 2. What was an important aspect of the histories written by the British historians in India?

Answer: The rule of each Governor-General was an important aspect.

Question 3. Who was James Mill?

Answer: He was a Scottish economist and political philosopher and is known for his book A History of British India.

Question 4. What was Mill's opinion about the Asian societies?

Answer: In Mill's opinion all Asian societies were at a lower level of civilisation than Europe.

Question 5. What evil practices, according to James Mill, dominated the Indian social life before the British came to India?

Answer: According to James Mill, the evil practices that dominated to the Indian social life were religious intolerance, caste taboos and superstitious practices.

Question 6. How did paintings project Governor-General?

Answer: Paintings projected Governor-Generals as powerful figures.

Question 7. Why do many historians refer to modern period as colonial?

Answer: It is because, under British rule people did not have equality, freedom or liberty—the symbols of modernity.

Question 8. Mention one important source used by historians in writing about the last 230 years of Indian history.

Answer: The official records of the British administration.

Question 9. What is done under census?

Answer: It records the number of people living all the provinces of India and gathers information on castes, religions and occupation.

Question 10. What do official records not tell?

Answer: Official records do not tell what other people in the country felt, and what lay behind their actions.

Question 11. Why do we try and divide history into different periods?

Answer: We do so in order to capture the characteristics of a time, its central features as they appear to us.

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