



SOURCE-BASED QUESTIONS

Question 1. Read the following extract taken from NCERT textbook and answer the questions that follow.

The Nawab complains

In 1733 the Nawab of Bengal said this about the English traders:

When they first came into the country they petitioned the then government in a humble manner for liberty to purchase a spot of ground to build a factory house upon, which was no sooner granted but they built a strong fort, surrounded it with a ditch which has communication with the river and mounted a great number of guns upon the walls. They have enticed several merchants and others to go and take protection under them

and they collect a revenue which amounts to Rs 100,000 ... they rob and plunder and carry great number of the king's subjects of both sexes into slavery into their own country...

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Questions:

- (i) What intention did the English traders show initially?
- (ii) How did their activities divert later on?

Answers:

- (i) When the English traders first came into the country they were very polite. They petitioned the then government in a humble manner for liberty to purchase a plot of ground to build a factory house there.
- (ii) Slowly and steadily the English traders began to show rudeness. They built a strong fort, surrounded it with a ditch which had communication with the river and mounted a great number of guns upon the walls. They took great number of the king's subjects into slavery.

PICTURE-BASED QUESTIONS

Observe the following pictures taken from NCERT textbooks subsequently and answer the questions that follow:
Question 1.



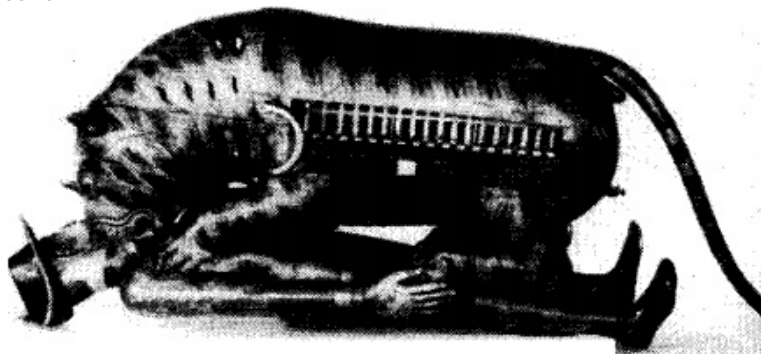
Questions:

- (i) Identify the person above.
- (ii) When was he appointed the Governor of Bengal?
- (iii) Which battle did he fight in '1757 and against whom?

Answers:

- (i) He is Robert Clive.
- (ii) He was appointed the Governor of Bengal in 1764.
- (iii) In 1757, he fought the Battle of Plassey against Sirajuddaulah.

Question 2.



Questions:

- (i) What is it?
- (ii) Where is it kept?
- (iii) When did the British take it away?

Answers:

- (i) It is a toy tiger of Tipu.
- (ii) It is kept in the Victoria and Albert Museum in London.
- (iii) The British took it away when Tipu Sultan died defending his capital Seringapatam on 4 May 1799.

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