



SOURCE-BASED QUESTIONS

Question 1. Read the following extract (Sources 2 and 3) taken from NCERT textbook subsequently and answer the questions that follow:

1. An argument for European knowledge Wood's Despatch of 1854 marked the final triumph of those who opposed Oriental learning. It stated:

We must emphatically declare that the education which we desire to see extended in India is that which has for its object the diffusion of the improved arts, services, philosophy, and literature of Europe, in short, European knowledge.

Questions:

- (i) When did Wood's Despatch come in light?
- (ii) What type of education did the Despatch want to extend in India?

Answers:

- (i) Wood's Despatch came in light in 1854.
- (ii) The Despatch advocated for European learning, because it was the only way to make Indians perfect in all sense. It would introduce them the European ways of life and would change their tastes and desires.

Question 2. "Literacy in itself is not education"

Mahatma Gandhi wrote:

By education I mean an all-round drawing out of the best in child and man—body, mind and spirit. Literacy is not the end of education nor even the beginning. It is only one of the means whereby man and woman can be educated. Literacy in itself is not education. I would therefore begin the child's education by teaching it a useful handicraft and enabling it to produce from the moment it begins its training ... I hold that the highest development of the mind and the soul is possible under such a system of . education. Only every handicraft has to be taught not merely mechanically as is done today but scientifically, i.e. the child should know the why and the wherefore of every process.

' The Collected Works of Mahatma Gandhi, Vol. 72, p. 79'

Questions:

- (i) How does Mahatma Gandhi view literacy?
- (ii) Why does he give so much emphasis on learning a useful handicraft?

Answers:

- (i) According to Mahatma Gandhi literacy in itself is not education. It is not the end of education nor even the beginning. It is only one of the means whereby man and woman can get education. Hence, it should not be anyone's goal.
- (ii) He gives much emphasis on learning a useful handicraft because it enables the child to produce from the moment he Begins its training. It makes him aware of how different things are operated.

PICTURE-BASED QUESTIONS

Question 1. Observe the pictures taken from NCERT textbook and answer the questions that follow:



Questions:

(i) Who is he?

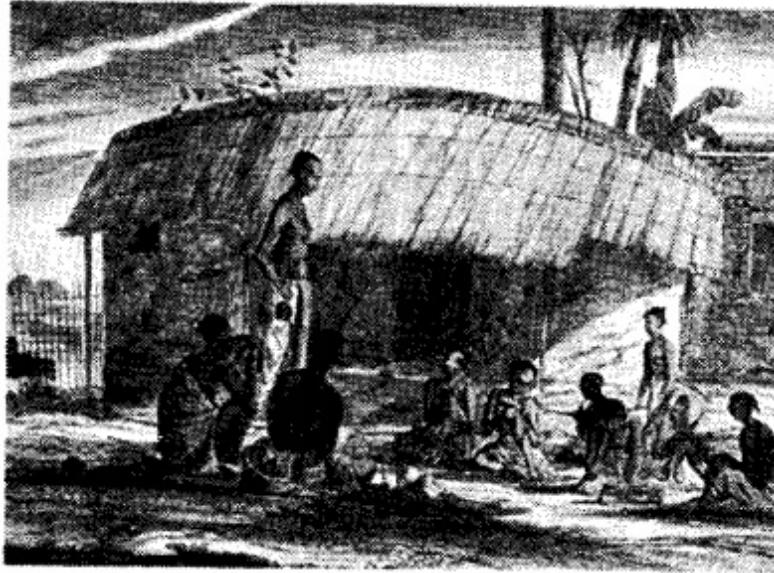
(ii) What do you know about him?

Answers:

(i) He is Henry Thomas Colebrooke.

(ii) He was a great scholar of Sanskrit and ancient sacred writings of Hinduism.

Question 2.



Questions:

(i) What is it?

(ii) Write a brief note on the system of education that existed here.

Answers:

(i) It is a village pathshala.

(ii) The system of education that existed here was flexible. There were no rules and regulations. There were no roll-call registers, no annual examinations and no regular time-table. Students were given oral teaching. They were taught in accordance with their needs.

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