**WHEN, WHERE AND HOW**

1. **MCQs:**
2. (c) 18th century to contemporary times
3. (b) 1817
4. (b) Hindu, Muslim and British
5. (a) Colonization
6. (b) Rassundari Dasi
7. **VERY SHORT ANSWER TYPE QUESTIONS:**
8. **What is colonialism ?**

**Ans**: Colonialism refers to the practice by which a powerful country controls another country.

1. **Who was Rassundari Dasi ?**

**Ans**: Rassundari Dasi was the first Indian woman to write an autobiography in Bengali in 1876.

1. **Where did British preserve official documents ?**

**Ans**: British preserved official documents in archives and museums established by them.

1. **SHORT ANSWER TYPE QUESTIONS:**
2. **What is the importance of history ?**

**Ans**: **History is important for us in the following ways**:

1. It tells us about the past of the present.
2. It tells us how the present evolved.
3. It helps us to know about art, architecture, literature, customs, religions, etc.
4. It is helpful in gaining the knowledge of continuous development of human culture and civilization.
5. It helps us to learn from the past experience and mould our future in a better way.
6. It helps us to understand the basic nature of the society.
7. **List the features of modern history.**

**Ans**: **The features of Modern history are as follows:**

1. Modern history is the period from 1750 A.D. to till date.
2. It reflects the material progress and intellectual advancement.
3. It is associated with the growth of all forces of modernity like science, reason, equality, democracy and liberty.
4. **Write a short on colonization of India.**

**Ans**:

1. India became a British colony in the 18th century. Initially, Britishers came to India for trade and commerce and to spread Christianity.
2. But taking the advantage of unstable political conditions of India in the 18th century, they slowly established their stronghold on all the major economically flourishing centres.
3. This brought a change in political, cultural and social forms and process of colonisation.
4. **LONG ANSWER TYPE QUESTIONS:**
5. **What is the problem with the periodisation of Indian history that James Mill offers ?**

**Ans**:

1. Periodisation of Indian history that James Mill offers is full of problems as it was based on the religions of rulers.
2. So, it had ignored the significant historical developments in the society and economy and culture.
3. Besides this, the rulers in ancient India did not share the same faith.
4. This division also ignored the rich diversity of the subcontinent.
5. **What do you mean by the time frame under history ? Explain.**

**Ans**:

1. Time frame in history changes with the focus of study.
2. It means if our study changes a new set of dates will become important.
3. For example, the British historians focused on the rule of each Governor-General in India and their activities, policies and achievement.
4. They had no space for the activities of Indians and the conditions of Indian society so another format is needed for this Indian history.
5. **What are the sources of history of Modern India.**

**Ans**: **The main sources of history of Modern period are:**

1. **Official records**: The British focused on the preservation of the written records and documents. Therefore, they set up Record Rooms in every department of their administration. To preserve the important documents and records, the British established archives and museums.
2. **Surveys**: The British also conducted surveys for a better understanding of our country and its effective administration.
3. **Other sources include:**

* Accounts of pilgrims and travelers
* Autobiographies
* Popular booklets
* Newspapers
* Stories, poems and novels, etc.

1. **STATE TRUE OR FALSE.**
2. **False**
3. **False**
4. **False**
5. **True.**

**ADDITIONAL EXERCISES**

1. **ONE-WORD ANSWER TYPE QUESTIONS:**
2. **In 1817, who wrote *‘A History of British India’* ?**

**Ans**: James Mill

1. **In which year James Mill wrote the book named ‘*A History of British India*’ ?**

**Ans**: 1817

1. **By whom the Indian history was divided into Hindu, Muslim and British ?**

**Ans**: James Mill

1. **Who was the first Governor-General of India in 1773 ?**

**Ans**: Warren Hastings

1. **In which year Battle of Buxar took place ?**

**Ans**: 1764

1. **In which year Battle of Plassey took place ?**

**Ans**: 1757

1. **Name an autobiography written by Rassundari Dasi in Bengali in 1876.**

**Ans**: Amar Jiban

1. **FILL IN THE BLANKS:**
2. **In 1817, \_\_\_\_\_\_ divided the history of India into three periods – Hindu, Muslim and British.**

**Ans**: James Mill

1. **\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ reflects material progress and intellectual advancement.**

**Ans**: Modernity

1. **\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ was the first woman to write an autobiography in Bengali in 1876.**

**Ans**: Rassundari Dasi

1. **Amar Jiban, a Bengali autobiography was written by \_\_\_\_\_\_\_.**

**Ans**: Rassundari Dasi.

1. **The first all-India Census was attempted in \_\_\_\_\_\_\_.**

**Ans**: 1872