

CBE NOVEMBER CLASS 8th S.St ANSWER KEY

Syllabus -Civilizing the “Native”, Educating the Nation

1. What would you call a person who knows several languages?

- (a) Biolinguist (b) Linguist (c) Translator (d) Biography

Correct answer: Option – (b) Linguist

Feedback -The person who knows and studies several languages is called a Linguist

2. From the outline map of India, identify the place marked A in black circle. Situated on the banks of Ganges, in Uttar Pradesh where the Hindu College was established in 1791.

- (a) Lucknow (b) Banaras (c) Kanpur (d) Calcutta

Correct answer: Option (b) Banaras

Feedback - The Hindu college was established in 1791 in Banaras or Varanasi to encourage the study of ancient Sanskrit texts.

3. Who started the journal Asiatic Researches?

- a) Charles Wood. (b) Max Muller
(c) Lord Mayo (d) Williams jones

Correct answer: Option (d) Williams jones

Feedback - William Jones, Sir William Jones (an Anglo philologist) created the Asiatic Society to promote oriental research and studies in India.

4. Which type of school did Tagore want to set up?

- (a) Where the child was happy.
(b) Where he/she could be free and creative
(c) He/she was able to explore her own thoughts and desire
(d) All of the above

Correct answer: Option: (d) All of the above

Feedback- Rabindranath Tagore wanted to set up a school where: The child was happy. The child could be free and creative.

The aim of establishing Shanti Niketan, helping education goes beyond the confines of the classroom,

5. According to whom, "English education had enslaved Indians"?

- (a) Mahatma Gandhi (b) Rabindranath Tagore
(c) PT. Jawaharlal Nehru (d) William Jones

Correct answer: Option: (a) Mahatma Gandhi

Feedback- According to Mahatma Gandhi, “English Education has enslaved us”. He urged that colonial education creates a sense of inferiority in the minds of Indians. It was sinful and it enslaved Indians

6. How did the European learning improve the moral character of Indian?

- (a) **It would make them honest and truthful.**
(b) It would expand the trade and commerce.
(c) It would make them change their tastes and desires and create a demand for British goods.
(d) None of these.

Correct answer: Option: c) It would make them change their tastes and desires and create a demand for British goods.

Feedback -Wood's Dispatch also argued that European learning would improve the moral character of Indians. It would make them truthful and honest, and thus supply the Company with civil servants who could be trusted and depended upon.

7. Lord Macaulay emphasized the need to teach this language. Which language did he insist to teach?

- (a) Hindi (b) English (c) Sanskrit (d) Arabic

Correct answer: Option (b) English

Feedback - Macaulay emphasized the need to teach the English language. He thought the knowledge of English would allow the Indians to read some of the finest literatures of the world. He argued that teaching of English would help in civilizing people, in changing their tastes, values and culture

8. Read the following statement carefully and chose which statement is/are correct.

1- The English Education Act was introduced in 1835

2-Charles wood was the President of the Board of control of the company in 1854

3-Wood’s Dispatch emphasized the practical benefits of a system of European learning

4- In 1835, the decision was to make English the medium of instruction for higher education.

- (a) **Only 1** (b) **Only 2** (c) **1, 2, 3** (d) **All of the above**

Correct answer -Option: (d) All of the above

Feedback - Wood's dispatch is the informal name for a formal dispatch that was sent by Sir Charles Wood, the President of the Board of Control of the British East India Company in 1854. Wood's communique suggested a major shift to popularizing the use of English within India. As for the language of instruction, Wood recommended for primary schools to adopt vernacular languages, for secondary schools to adopt both English and vernacular languages and for colleges to adopt English 9. **Choose the correct answer**

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| (a) Madrasa in Calcutta | 1. 1835 |
| (b) Hindu college in Banaras | 2. 1781 |
| (C) Macaulay Minute | 3. 1854 |
| (D) Wood's Dispatch | 4. 1791 |

A a-1 b-2 c-3 d-4

B a-2 b-3 c-1 d-4

C a-2 b-4 c-1 d-3

D a-3 b-4 c-2 d-1

Correct answer- Option: C a-2 b-4 c-1 d-3

Feedback- The Calcutta Madrasa was set up in the year 1781 by Warren Hastings. It was set up to promote the study of Arabic, Persian and Islamic law.

. The Hindu college was established in 1791 to encourage the study of ancient Sanskrit texts. On 2 February 1835, British historian and politician Thomas Babington Macaulay presented his 'Minute on Indian Education' that sought to establish the need to impart English education to Indian 'natives'.

In 1854 he sent a despatch to Lord Dalhousie, the then Governor-General of India. Wood's despatch suggested that primary schools must adopt vernacular languages

10. **English Education Act 1835 was passed for:**

(a) **To Make the English the medium of instruction for higher education.**

(b) **To control Indian territories.**

(c) **To Promote Oriental institution**

(d) **To impose Doctrine of Laps.**

Correct answer-Option: (a) To Make the English the medium of instruction for higher education

Feedback- The English Education Act of 1835 has three distinct features: - English should be used as a medium of instruction in higher education. - To stop promoting oriental schools like the Calcutta Madrasa and the Banaras Sanskrit College.