

## Short Answer Questions

**Q. 1. What do you mean by Madrasa? Name one.**

**Ans. (i)** Madrasa is an Arabic word for a place of learning or any type of school or college.

**(ii)** In Calcutta, a madrasa was set up in 1781 to promote the study of Arabic, Persian and Islamic law.

**Q. 2. Why was Hindu College established?**

**Ans.** Hindu College was established in Benaras in 1791 to encourage the study of ancient Sanskrit texts that would be useful for the administration of the country.

**Q. 3. Who set up Calcutta Madrasa?**

**Ans.** Warren Hastings set up the Calcutta Madrasa and believed that the ancient customs of the country and Oriental learning ought to be the basis of British rule in India.

**Q. 4. What does 'Grave errors of the East' refer to?**

**Ans. (i)** 'Grave Errors of the East' means that the knowledge of the East was full of errors and unscientific thought according to British officials who began to criticise the orientalist version of learning.

**(ii)** They said Eastern literature was non-serious and light-hearted.

**Q. 5. According to James Mill what should be the aim of education?**

**Ans. (i)** According to James Mill, the aim of education ought to be to teach what was useful and practical.

**(ii)** So, Indians should be made familiar with the scientific and technical advances of the West.

**Q. 6. Thomas Macaulay urged the British government to promote western education in India. Give reason.**

**Ans.** Thomas Macaulay urged the British government in India to follow western education pillars in India and to stop wasting people's money in promoting oriental learning for it had no practical use.

**Q. 7. What measures did the company undertake to improve pathshalas?**

**Ans.** The measures were:

**(i)** Each guru was asked to submit periodic reports and regular time table was allotted.

**(ii)** Teaching was now based on textbooks.

(iii) Annual examinations were introduced.

**Q. 8. What were Tagore's ideas of education?**

**Ans. (i)** Tagore's ideas of education shaped from the experience of his school days in Calcutta.

**(ii)** As he grew up, he wanted to set up a school where children were happy, free and creative and where they were able to explore their own thoughts and desires.