

## Short Answer Questions

**Q. 1. What did Governor-General Canning decide for Bahadur Shah Zafar?**

**Ans.** In 1856, Governor-General Canning decided that Bahadur Shah Zafar would be the last Mughal king and after his death none of his descendants would be recognised as kings. They would just be called princes.

**Q. 2. Why did the Indian sepoy's go to Burma by the land route?**

**Ans.** The Indian sepoy's went to Burma by the land route by refusing the order to go by sea route because it was believed that if they crossed the sea they would lose their religion and caste.

**Q. 3. Describe how the English East India Company faced the massive rebellion.**

**Ans.** In May 1857, the East India Company faced a massive rebellion that threatened the company's very presence in India. Sepoy's mutinied in several places beginning from Meerut and people from different sections of society rose up in rebellion.

**Q. 4. What was the role of Mangal Pandey in the revolt of 1857?**

**Ans.** The revolt of 1857 began on 29th March, 1857 when a young soldier, Mangal Pandey was hanged to death for attacking his officers in Barrackpore. He was the first soldier to protest against the greased cartridges and was the first martyr of the India's freedom struggle.

**Q. 5. On what conditions could the ruling chiefs pass on the kingdoms to their heirs?**

**Ans.** The ruling chiefs could pass on the kingdoms to their heirs only when they were ready to acknowledge the British Queen as their Sovereign Paramount.

**Q. 6. How were the people convinced to take plunge and join the rebellion against Britishers?**

**Ans.** The British were greatly outnumbered by the rebel forces as they were defeated in a number of battles. This convinced the people that the rule of the British had collapsed for good and this gave them the confidence to take plunge and join the rebellion.

**Q. 7. On the outline political map of India, mark the important centres of the Revolt.**

**Ans.** Important centres of the revolt are marked in bold.

