

Hots (Higher Order Thinking Skills)

Q. 1. “As warfare technology changed, the cavalry requirement of the company’s army declined”. Justify the statement.

Ans. (i) As warfare technology changed from the 1820s, the cavalry requirements of the company’s army declined because the British empire was fighting in Burma, Afghanistan and Egypt where soldiers were armed with muskets and matchlocks.

(ii) The soldiers of company’s army had to keep pace with changing military requirements and its infantry regiments now became more important.

Q. 2. Read the following extract and answer the questions that follow:

The Nawab complains

In 1733 the Nawab of Bengal said this about the English traders:

When they first came into the country they petitioned the then government in a humble manner for liberty to purchase a spot of ground to build a factory house upon, which was no sooner granted but they built a strong fort, surrounded it with a ditch which has communication with the river and mounted a great number of guns upon the walls. They have enticed several merchants and others to go and take protection under them and they collect a revenue which amounts to TM 100,000 ... they rob and plunder and carry great number of the king’s subjects of both sexes into slavery into their own country

Initially, what was the intention of English traders?

(i) Initially, what was the intention of English traders?

(ii) How did their activities indicate their aim to gain control over the area?

(iii) Who said these lines and about whom?

Ans. (i) When they first came into the country they petitioned the then government in a humble manner for liberty to purchase a spot of ground to build a factory house there.

(ii) Slowly and steadily English traders began to show their true colours with rudeness they built a strong fort, surrounded it with a ditch which has communication with the river and mounted a great number of guns upon the walls. They took great number of the king’s subjects into slavery.

(iii) The Nawab of Bengal said this about English traders.

Q. 3. Observe the picture given below and answer the questions that follow:



- (i) What is it?**
- (ii) What the animal seem to be doing?**
- (iii) Where is it preserved now?**
- (iv) When did the British take it away?**

Ans. (i) It is Tipu's toy tiger.

(ii) The animal, tiger is mauling a European soldier.

(iii) It is now kept in the Victoria and Albert Museum in London.

(iv) The British took it away when Tipu Sultan died defending his Capital Serirangapatam in 1799.