

Class 8 – History Worksheet

Chapters: Political Changes, Marathas & Colonial Rule

No. of Questions: 15

Marks: 2, 3 & 5 Marks

A. 2 Marks Questions

Answer in 30–40 words each.

- Who introduced the Mansabdari system? How was it different from the position of a Subedar? [2]
- Describe the anglo maratha wars. [2]
- Why is babur's victory in the first battle of Panipat known as gunpowder victory? [2]
- Who was Ekoji? What was his relationship with Shivaji Maharaj? [2]

- What attracted the Europeans to India? Mention any two reasons. [2]

B. 3 Marks Questions

Answer in 50–60 words each.

6. Why did Akbar enter into matrimonial alliances with the Rajputs? Explain any three reasons. [3]

7. Who were the peshwas? [3]

8. Why did the Revolt of 1857 break out at Vellore in 1806? Give three reasons. [3]

9. Why is the Battle of Plassey considered a turning point in the history of India? [3]

10. How did Dadabhai Naoroji explain the economic impact of British rule in his book Poverty and Un-British Rule in India? [3]

C. 5 Marks Questions

Answer in 100–120 words each.

11. Explain the military administration of Shivaji Maharaj. Mention the importance of his forts and naval forces. [5]

12. Describe the civil administrative structure during Shivaji's rule. [5]

13. Analyse the cultural legacy of the Marathas. (5)

14. Explain how the Subsidiary Alliance helped the East India Company expand its control over Indian states. [5]

15. Explain how British rule led to the decline of indigenous industries in India. Mention the major effects on Indian artisans and weavers. [5]