

Class: IX

Subject: Social Science (087) - History

Chapter: 4 Forest Society and Colonialism

Assignment Questions

1. Mention the period of industrialisation.
2. Who was Dietrich Brandis?
3. Who were known as criminal tribes?
4. What do you mean by devsari, dand or man?
5. Who was Gunda Dhur?
6. What did the World Bank propose in 1970s?
7. Name three pastoralist and nomadic communities of the Madras Presidency.
8. What was done in scientific forestry?
9. Describe the main causes of the revolt of Bastar.
10. Who were 'Kalangs' of Java? Why did they attack the Dutch forts at Joana?
11. Why the Dutch adopted the 'scorched earth policy' during the war?
12. Who were the Mundurucu peoples of the Brazilian Amazon?
13. When and where was the Imperial Forest Research Institute set up in India?
14. Mention a few commercial crops. Why are they called so?
15. Describe the main causes of the revolt of Bastar.
16. Why did the government decide to ban shifting cultivation?
17. Why is it necessary to increase area under forests? Give three reasons.
18. What did Dietrich Brandis suggest for the improvement of forests in India?
19. Which type of trees were preferred by the forest department?
20. How did the British see large animals?
21. Why was hunting popular in India and what were its effects?
22. Why did Britain turn to India for timber supply for its Royal Navy?
23. In which year did the Indian Forest Service set up?
24. Give any two local terms for swidden agriculture.
25. How are forests useful for the villagers?
26. What are 'railway sleepers'? How many sleepers are required for 1 mile of railway track?
27. What was the Blandongdienst system ?
28. Write a short note on Dietrich Brandis.
29. What was Samin's Challenge?
30. Write a brief note about the geographical location of Bastar.
31. The 1878 Act divided forests into three categories. Explain them.
32. What is the belief of the people of Bastar? Why do they make offerings at each agricultural festival?

33. Discuss how the changes in forest management in the colonial period affected the following groups of people:

- a) Shifting cultivators**
- b) Nomadic and pastoralist communities**
- c) Firms trading in timber/forest produce**
- d) Plantation owners**
- e) Kings/British officials engaged in shikar (hunting)**

34. What are the similarities between colonial management of the forests in Bastar and in Java?

35. Between 1880 and 1920 forests cover in the Indian subcontinent declined by 9.7 million hectares, from 108.6 million hectares to 98.9 million hectares. Discuss the role of the following factors in this decline:

- a) Railways**
- b) Shipbuilding**
- c) Agricultural expansion**
- d) Commercial farming**
- e) Tea/Coffee plantations**
- f) Adivasis and other peasants users**