Class 8 History Chapter7 Extra Questions

## Question 1.

When and where was the first Hindu Collage established?

## Answer:

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.

## Question 2.

When and where was the first Madrasa established?

## Answer:

The first Madrasa was established in Calcutta in 1781, to encourage the study of ancient the study of Arabic, Persian and Islamic law.

## Question 3.

Explain Wood's Despatch. What was mentioned in its provision?

## Answer:

 In 1854, the Court of Directors of the East India Company in London sent an educational despatch to the Governor-General in India, issued by Charles Wood, the president of the Board of Control of the Company. It has come to be known as Wood's Despatch.

- It emphasized once again on the practical benefits of system of European learning.
  - One of the practical uses that the Despatch pointed to was economic European learning.
- It said, it would enable Indians to recognize the advantages that flow from the expansion of trade and commerce.
- Wood's Despatch argued that European learning would improve the moral character of Indians.
- It would make them truthful and honest and would supply the Company with civil servants who could be trusted and depended upon.

## Question.4. What measures were taken by the English Education Act of 1835?

**Answer.**The following measures were taken under the English Education Act 1835:

- (a) English was made the medium of instruction for higher education.
- (b)Promotion of Oriental institutions like the Calcutta Madrasa and Benaras Sanskrit College was stopped. These institutions were seen as "Temples of darkness that were falling of themselves into decay.
- (c)English textbooks began to be produced for schools.

# Question.5. What measures were taken by the British after issuing of Wood'sDespatch?

**Answer.**Following measures were taken:

(a)Education departments of the government were set upto extend to Control over all matters regarding education.

- (b)A system of universities education was introduced. Universities were established in Calcutta, Madras and Bombay.
- (c)Attempts were also made to bring about changes within the system of school education.

## **Question 6:**

Explain the William Adam's report produced on the progress of education in vernacular schools.

#### Answer:

William Adam had been asked by the Company to report on the progress of education in vernacular schools. The report Adam produced was interesting.

- Adam found that there were over 1 lakh pathshalas in Bengal and Bihar.
  These were small institutions with no more than 20 students each.
- But the total number of children being taught in these pathshalas was considerable over 20 lakh.
- These institutions were set up by wealthy people, or the local community. At times they were started by a teacher (guru).
- The system of education was flexible. For instance, classes were not held during harvest time when rural children often worked in the fields.
- The pathshala started once again when the crops had been cut and stored.
  This meant that even children of peasant families could study.