

Chapter 11

Rebels and the Raj

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Important Questions

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Ans. (i) Conservative Indians were angered by the various social reforms initiated by the British. The abolition of sati, legalizing of widow remarriages were regarded as unwanted interference in Indian Social.

(ii) Indian sentiments were also hurt by the Christian Missionaries.

(iii) In 1850, the government passed the Hindu property law under which even after converting to Christianity one could inherit one's ancestral property.

(iv) The people's resentment was further fuelled by the Maulvis and Brahmins whose cry that their respective religions were in danger cloaked their selfish interests as these classes now lost their former importance.

2. What was the system of Subsidiary Alliance? How did it help the Britishers to consolidate their position in India?

Ans. The Subsidiary Alliance was a Boast of agreement between the British and on Indian ruler on the basis of Mutual understanding for performing administrative, military and political function.

Provisions of the Subsidiary Alliance:

(i) The Indian ruler accepting the Alliance would not enter into alliance with any other power.

(ii) Would not declare war against any power without permission of the British.

(iii) Would allow the British resident to stay in his state.

(iv) Would acknowledge the Britishers as the paramount power.

(v) Would maintain some British force at his own expense in his state.

(vi) In return for accepting all these conditions, the British would protect the Indian ruler from internal and external danger.

Advantages of the Subsidiary System to the British.

(i) The British were able to raise army at the expense of the Indian rulers.

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- (iii) Successful in checking the French.
- (iv) Increased their control without waging war.
- (v) Chances of revolts on the part of Indian ruler were minimized.

3. “ A very high degree of Hindu Muslim Unity was observed in the 1857 revolt” Explain with example.

Ans. Unity of Hindus and Muslims : A very high degree of Hindu Muslim unity was reflected in the 1857 Revolt. There was scarcely a man of either faith who did not show unity. An English man wrote, "..... the infanticide Rajput, the bigoted Brahman, the fanatic Mussulman and the luxury living, Martha joined together in the cause. Cow killer and the cow worshipper, the pig hater and the pig eater revolted jointly." Several Hindu rulers accepted Mughal emperor Bahadur Shah as their leader. Bahadur Shah had many prominent Hindu officers, who fought together against the Britishers. In Awadh prominent leaders of the revolt belonged to both the communities.

4. Analyse the causes of the unrest against the British rule in India.

or

"The revolt of 1857 came as a culmination of popular discontent with British policies and exploitation, "In the light of the statement explain the reasons of discontent of Indian people before 1857.

- Ans.**
- (i) Ruin of Indian economy
 - (ii) Wealth drain from India
 - (iii) Decay of Indian handcrafts
 - (iv) Dispossession of several Indian rulers from their kingdoms.
 - (v) Discriminatory social policies of the rulers.
 - (vi) Interference in religious affairs of the people of India
 - (vii) Low salaries to Indian Military personal as compared with their Europeur counterparts
 - (viii) Arrogance of the English people.

5. Did the Revolt of 1857 have a popular character? Give reasons in support of your answer.

- Ans.** Yes, it was a popular Revolt.
- (i) Participation by civilians.



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- (ii) Common Symbol like chapatis and Red Lotus
 - (iii) Involvement of several regions
 - (iv) Hindu-Muslim unity.
 - (v) Involvement of the local leaders of different part of India.

6. Explain the causes of the failure of the Revolt of 1857.

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"The weaknesses of the Revolt were deeper" Explain why the Revolt failed in spite of some patriotic leaders.

Ans. (i) Lack of a common cause

(ii) Lack of National consciousness

(iii) Uncoordinated efforts

(iv) Absence of effective Leadership

(v) Lack of Nation wide Dimensions

(vi) Loyalty of Several Rulers to the British

(vii) Lack of Resources

(viii) Lack of Good Generals

(ix) Regular supply of the British forces

(x) The British Supremacy on the sea.

(xi) British Diplomacy.

(xii) Hostility of several indigenous rulers.