

Colonialism and the Marathas

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Choose the correct alternative and rewrite the statement.

Marathas defeated the Portuguese during the siege of _____.

1. Vengurla
2. **Phonda**
3. Surat
4. Rajapur

Solution: Marathas defeated the Portuguese during the siege of Phonda.

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Choose the correct alternative and rewrite the statement.

The political relations between Chhatrapati Shivaji Maharaj and the British began due to the _____ episode.

1. Kudal campaign
2. **Afzal Khan**
3. Fazal Khan
4. Coronation

Solution: The political relations between Chhatrapati Shivaji Maharaj and the British began due to the Afzal Khan episode.

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Choose the correct alternative and rewrite the statement.

The younger brother of Bajirao Peshwa I defeated _____ the at Vasai.

1. British
2. French
3. Dutch
4. **Portuguese**

Solution: The younger brother of Bajirao Peshwa I defeated the Portuguese at Vasai.

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Choose the correct alternative and rewrite the statement.

The 'Third Battle of Panipat' was fought between Marathas and the _____.

1. British
2. **Abdali**
3. Ahmad Khan Bangash
4. Najib Khan

Solution: The 'Third Battle of Panipat' was fought between Marathas and the **Abdali**.

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Find the incorrect pair from group 'B', and write the corrected one.

Group 'A'	Group 'B'
(a) Cosme da Guarda	Portuguese historian
(b) Gonsalo Martez	Portuguese emissary
(c) Francois Martin	Chief of Dutch factory
(d) Henry Revington	British Officer

Solution: Francois Martin - Governor General of Pondicherry

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Write the name of a historical place/ person/event:

The first Europeans to arrive in India

Solution: The first Europeans to arrive in India - **Portuguese**

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Write the name of a historical place/ person/event

The place where the Portuguese stored ammunition.

Solution: The place where the Portuguese stored ammunition. - **Panvel**

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Write the name of a historical place/person/event

They honored Chhatrapati Shivaji Maharaj with tributes for ensuring the safety of their factories and issuing trading permits.



Solution: They honored Chhatrapati Shivaji Maharaj with tributes for ensuring the safety of their factories and issuing trading permits. - **The dutch**

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Write the name of a historical place/person/event.

The British agent at Jaitapur –

Solution: The British agent at Jaitapur – **Velaji**

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Choose the right reason and complete the sentence.

Chhatrapati Shivaji Maharaj levied octroi on the salt trade to

1. oppose the Portuguese
2. **stop the British trade of salt**
3. raise funds for Swarajya
4. oppose the colonialists

Solution: Chhatrapati Shivaji Maharaj levied octroi on the salt trade to - **stop the British trade of salt**

EXERCISE Q.3 [PAGE 32]

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State your opinion.

Chhatrapati Shivaji Maharaj built naval force.

Solution: Chhatrapati Shivaji Maharaj had foreseen the ulterior motives of the foreigners and their ways of infiltration. He built strategies to arrest their advances in India. He took immediate measures by creating a strong naval force. He levied octroi on British trade salt as a measure to protect local salt trade. Thus, Chhatrapati Shivaji Maharaj adopted a strong policy against the European colonisers.

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State your opinion.

Maratha policies were anti-colonial.

Solution: Chhatrapati Shivaji Maharaj had foreseen the ulterior motives of the Europeans and their ways of infiltration. So, he built strategies to arrest their advances

in India. Chhatrapati Shivaji Maharaj adopted a very strong policy against the European colonisers by levying octroi on British salt trade etc. The Marathas were the only Indian rulers to adopt a policy of resistance against the European colonisers.

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Answer the following question in detail.

Write about Chhatrapati Shivaji Maharaj's policies regarding the European traders as seen in his Adnyapatra.

Solution: The strategy of Chhatrapati Shivaji Maharaj against the Europeans is clearly seen in Adnyapatra. The following were his policies:

- (i) They should be kept at bay maintaining only business relations.
- (ii) Not allotting them any space near the entrance of a creek or a sea fort.
- (iii) Their establishments should not be a nuisance.
- (iv) They should not be allowed to flaunt their military strength.
- (v) Not allow them to construct any permanent buildings.
- (vi) They must accept these conditions otherwise they are of no use
- (vii) He also said that a fine should be collected if any foreign traders were found in the enemy land during expeditions.
- (viii) After they pay the fine, they should be sent back to their factory or the place from where they had arrived.
- (ix) They should not be treated in the same manner as the enemy is treated.

Exercise Q.4 | Q 2 | Page 33

Answer the following question in detail.

Explain Chhatrapati Shivaji Maharaj's resolute policy of safeguarding Maratha sovereignty.

Solution: Chhatrapati Shivaji Maharaj took several steps to safeguard the Maratha empire.

- (i) Chhatrapati Shivaji Maharaj created a strong naval force and constructed forts for



e.g.. Hillforts, Sea forts, and Land forts.

(ii) Henry Oxenden, a British agent who was present at the coronation of Chhatrapati Shivaji Maharaj sought permission to open a factory at Rajapur.

(iii) He also levied 2.5% octroi on British goods.

(iv) An agreement was signed between the British and the Marathas on 12th June 1674.

(v) According to this agreement, the Marathas issued permission to open factories at Rajapur, Dabhol, Chaul, and Kalyan. He also prohibited the usage of British coinage.

(vi) He also refuted some of the conditions put by the British such as the British goods found afloat from the wrecked ships should be returned to them and the Marathas should enter a treaty with the Siddis of Janjira.

(vii) This clearly reveals his resolute policy of safeguarding Maratha sovereignty.

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Answer the following question in detail.

Why did the strongest Maratha rule come to an end?

Solution: There were several reasons for the downfall of the Maratha empire :

(i) An internal weakness of the Maratha Empire: The empire of the Marathas was not well-knit. It was a confederacy of the Maratha chiefs who were in conflict with one another. The nominal unity of the Marathas remained only up to the period of the rule of Madhav Rao I.

(ii) Lack of Political Foresight: The Marathas lacked wisdom and farsightedness. They failed to achieve the political unity of India and therefore failed to utilise the resources of the country either for the benefit of the people or for meeting the challenge of a foreign foe.

(iii) Incapable Leadership: All capable Maratha chiefs died by the end of the eighteenth century. After that, the leadership of the Marathas was taken over by Bajirao II, Daulatrao Scindia, Yashwant Rao Holkar, and Nana Phadnavis. The Marathas thus lacked leadership.

(iv) Military weakness of the Marathas: The Marathas were militarily weak compared to the English as they had left their traditional method of guerrilla warfare and adopted European methods which they failed to perfect.

(v) The diplomacy of the English: The English were more diplomatic than the Marathas.

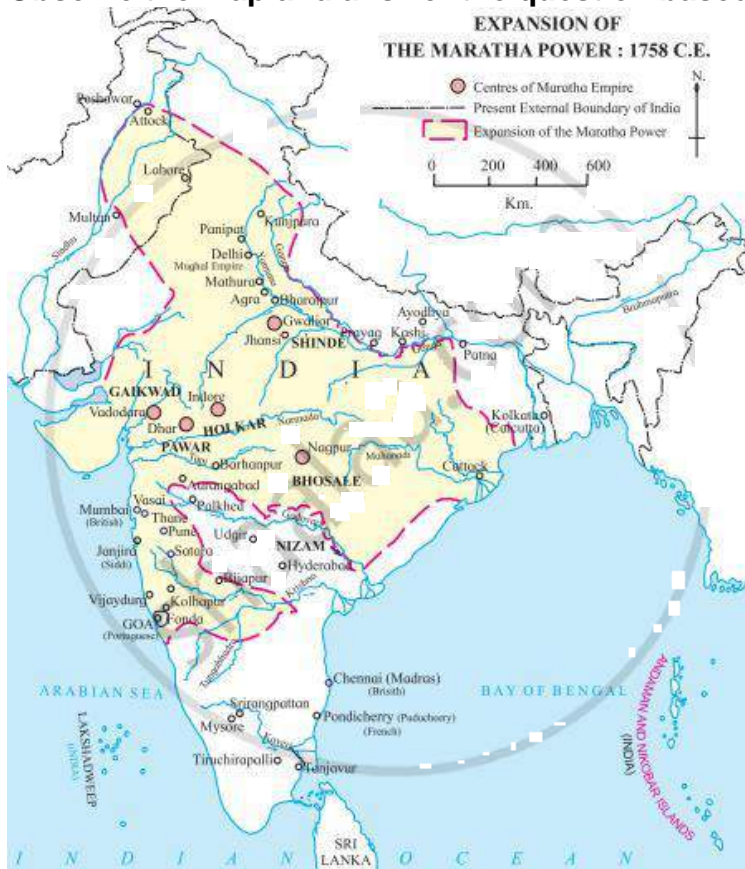


The quarrels among the Marathas provided a good opportunity for the English to take advantage. Besides, the English had their eyes on the politics of entire India.

EXERCISE Q.5 [PAGE 33]

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Observe the map and answer the question based on it.



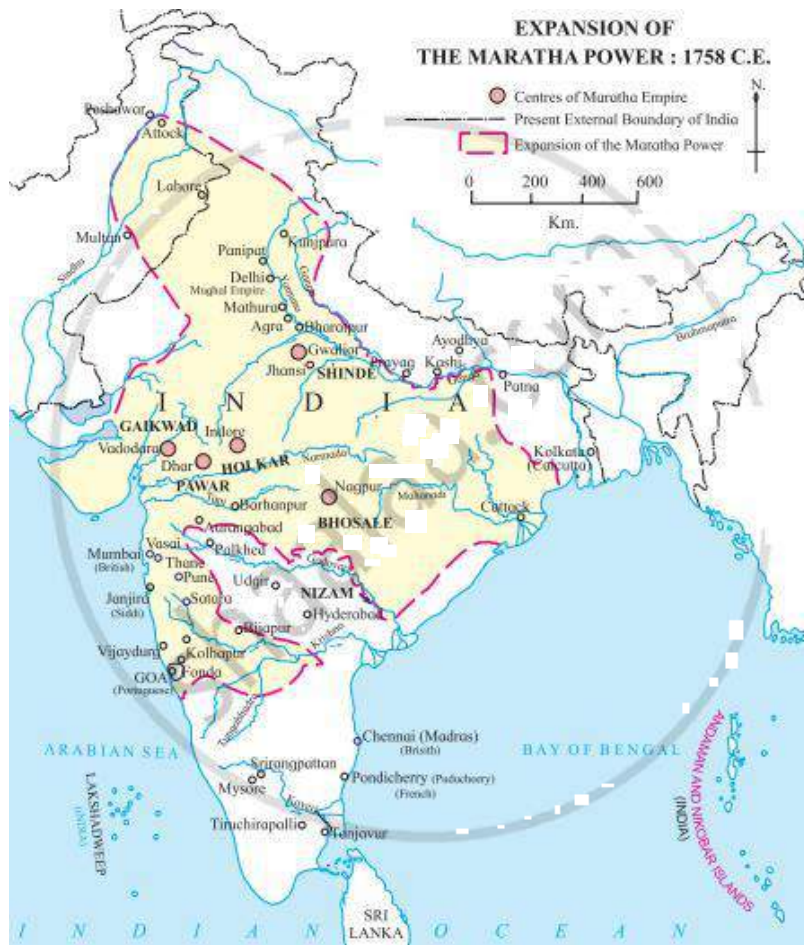
Where were the Dutch colonies on the west coast of India?

Solution: On the west coast of India, there were warehouses at Vengurla in Konkan and at Photo Novo (Parangi Pettai) and Tegna Pattam (Devanapattinam) in Karnataka.

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Observe the map and answer the question based on it.





Where did the French establish their colonies on the east coast of India?

Solution: The French had their colony in Pondicherry (Puducherry) on the east coast.

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Observe the map and answer the question based on it.



Whose warehouses were at Agra and Allahabad?

Solution: This warehouse is not mentioned on the map. This area was ruled by Mughals.