

Exercises

A. Fill in the blanks.

1. The first European to find a sea route to India was Vasco - da - Gama.
2. The British became very powerful in Bengal after the Battle of Plassey in 1757.
3. The Revolt of 1857 started in the city of Meerut.
4. Bahadur Shah Zafar, was declared the leader of the 1857 revolt.
5. The British government took over the control of India from the East India Company.

B. Write T for true and F for false sentences.

1. On his first trip to India, Vasco da Gama landed in the city of Calcutta. F

2. The British bought cheap raw materials from Indians and sold them as finished goods at high prices. I
3. India became independent from British rule after the rule of the East India Company ended. E
4. The British were able to take control of India because the rulers were always fighting among themselves. T
5. The Revolt of 1857 was the first war of independence fought by the Indians. I

Multiple choice questions

1. Which of these countries traded with India about 500 years ago?
a. Britain b. Portugal c. French d. all of these
2. One of the main items the European traders bought from India was:
a. furniture b. jewellery

6. The Indian soldier who started the revolt against the British was
- a. Tatya Tope
 - b. Nana Sahib
 - c. Rani Lakshmi Bai
 - d. Mangal Pandey
7. The Mughal Emperor who participated in the First War of Independence was
- a. Bahadur Shah Zafar
 - b. Akbar
 - c. Humayun
 - d. Shah Jahan
8. Who did the British defeat in the Battle of Plassey?
- a. Tatya Tope
 - b. Nana Sahib
 - c. Rani Lakshmi Bai
 - d. Siraj-ud-Daulah