

Q1 What is deforestation? mention the cause of the deforestation during colonial period?

ANS) deforestation is the purposeful clearing of forested land.

The cause of deforestation during colonial period are:-

★ The <sup>I</sup>BRITISH considered forests as wildernesses which must be brought under cultivation to enhance the income of the state.

★ They directly encouraged the production of cash crops like jute, cotton, etc.

Q2 How were the lives of the people affected due to forest act?

ANS) ★ Forest guards many times harasses villagers specially women to collect fuel wood from forest.

★ Earlier the villagers were dependent on forest product like edible and medicinal roots, leaves, fruits, tubers etc.