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Class-V

Subject - Social Science

L-17 Towards Freedom - The First Step

New Words

1. conquest
2. dissatisfaction
3. ebony
4. Carnatic
5. fortification
6. betrayed
7. privileges
8. subsidiary
9. doctrine
10. martyrdom

Answer the following questions

Q1- Name the goods that Vasco da Gama took to Portugal.

Ans-Vasco da Gama took the following goods to Portugal-

- a ebony
- b gold and silver
- c spices – black pepper and cinnamon
- d precious stones and local goods

Q2- Where did the English East India Company set up its trading centres?

Ans- The English East India Company set up its trading centres at Surat.

Q3- How did Indian farmers suffer during the rule of the English East India Company?

Ans- a. Farmers had to pay heavy taxes. Even when the crops failed these taxes were not withdrawn.

b. They were forced to grow crops like cotton and indigo.

c. they were forced to grow crops like cotton and indigo. The English East India Company purchased these crops at very low price and sold at very high price to European countries.

Q4- Name the leaders who led the Revolt of 1857 in various regions of

India. Ans- The following leaders led the revolt of 1857 in various regions in India-

a. Nana Saheb

b. Begum Hazrat Mahal

c. Rani Laxmi Bai

d. Tanya Tope

Q5- What was the result of the Revolt of 1857?

Ans- a. The Revolt led to the downfall of the English East India Company.

b. Queen Victoria was declared the Empress of India on 1st November 1858 and the administration of India came directly under the British crown.

c- Lord Canning was appointed as the Governor General of India.

Think and answer

Q- Why was the Revolt of 1857 a turning point in Indian

history? Ans- a. The Revolt of 1857 united Indians.

b. It was our first step toward freedom which we finally got on 15th August 1947

