

## CBSE Class 8 History Chapter 8 Women, Caste and Reform

### Important Questions

1. Can you think of the ways in which social customs and practices were discussed in the pre-printing age when books, newspapers and pamphlets were not readily available?
2. Mention the name of the Brahmo Samaj at the time that Raja Ram Mohan Roy formed it.
3. Describe the hook singing festival.
4. Elaborate on the Prarthana Samaj Campaign.
5. Who was Swami Dayanand Saraswati?
6. Write a short note about Law against child marriage.
7. What were the social conditions prevalent in India before the ascendance of British power?
8. Give reasons why the Non-Brahmin movement began in many parts of South India.
9. Who could enter temples?
10. Why does caste remain such a controversial issue today? What do you think was the most important movement against caste in colonial times?
11. You have seen in the chapter how Jyotirao Phule established a connection in his book Gulamgiri between caste oppression and the practice of slavery in America. What was this system of slavery?
12. What social ideas did Rammohun Roy support?
13. Social reformers had to discard the ancient texts in order to argue for reform in social practices. True or False?
14. How did the knowledge of ancient texts help the reformers promote new laws?
15. What were the different reasons people had for not sending girls to school?
16. Why were Christian missionaries attacked by many people in the country? Would some people have supported them too? If so, for what reasons?
17. In the British period, what new opportunities opened up for people who came from castes that were regarded as "low"?
18. What did Ambedkar want to achieve through the temple entry movement?
19. Why were Jyoti Rao Phule and Ramaswamy Naicker critical of the national movement? Did their criticism help the national struggle in any way?
20. Write a note on Arya Samaj.