

**CLASS : 8**  
**SUB : HISTORY**  
**CH. 1: HOW, WHEN AND WHERE**  
**EXERCISE SOLUTION**  
**(BY : RKY)**

**Q1. State whether true or false:**

(a) James Mill divided Indian history into three periods – Hindu, Muslim, Christian.

(b) Official documents help us understand what the people of the country think.

(c) The British thought surveys were important for effective administration.

**Ans.**

(a) False

(b) False

(c) True

**Q2. What is the problem with the periodisation of Indian history that James Mill offers?**

**Ans.** The problem with the periodisation of Indian History that James Mill offers is that he divided the Indian history into three periods – Hindu, Muslim and British. However, the periodisation of Indian History on the basis of religion is not feasible for many reasons. For example, many different religions coexisted peacefully when the country was ruled by Hindu kings.

**Q3. Why did the British preserve official documents?**

Ans. British preserved official documents, because they thought that by keeping all the records in written it would be easier for them or any other persons to know about the decisions taken in the past. they clearly noted down all the policies, instructions, plans, agreements and important things related to the administration of the country, so that in the future, those records can serve as proof of all the decisions that they had taken. One can study the notes and reports that were prepared in the past.

**Q4. How will the information historians get from old newspapers be different from that found in police reports?**

Ans. The information that historians get from old newspapers may be biased and fabricated because these are the personal views of different reporters. But, police reports are usually true and unbiased because these are prepared after much investigation.