

Q) Though people were oppressed with the British rule and their policies which were not always wrong. British also took steps to ameliorate women's position in India. Discuss.

Though the people were oppressed with the oppressive policies of the British rule like Subsidiary Alliance, Doctrine of Lapse, Land Revenue policy and The Drain of wealth policy etc., but their policies which were not always wrong.

British also took steps to ameliorate the position of women in India. The policies which were made to improve the position of women and girl child are;

1. Abolition of sati:- Government declared illegal. The Bengal sati regulation Act 1829, banned the sati practice in all jurisdictions of British in India. The regulation described the practice of sati as revolting the feelings of human nature. In 1830 it was extended to Madras and Bengal.

2. Preventing female infanticide:-

Killing of infants was more prevailed in the upper class families because they felt women as the economic burden and this practice was prevented by the Regulations of 1795 & 1804.

3. Widow remarriage:-

It was due to the efforts of the gshwar chandra vidyasagar, that the Hindu widow remarriage act 1856 was passed.



#### 4. Child Marriage

#### 4. Abolition of child Marriage:-

There were many acts passed to abolish the child marriages in India and to set certain age limit for men & women to get married. The acts like Native Marriage Act 1872 & Age of Consent Act 1891 etc,

#### 5. Women education:-

Women education is very important to encounter the problems and to get equal treat of women as men in the society. So to encourage women education many acts were passed one such act is University Acts of 1857.

The British introduced several changes in Indian social practices, they even introduced policies to bring changes in the social culture, but the people felt oppressive with the policies.

Though British made efforts to bring changes in India, but it was really achieved by the efforts of Indians like Raja Ram Mohan Roy, Ishwar Chandra Vidya Sagar, & Bhanu Daji etc.