

**BCM School, Basant Avenue, Dugri Road, Ludhiana**

**Practice Assignment**

**Class-VIII**

**Social Science**

1. .... continued to fight a guerrilla war against British.  
(a) Rani Lakshmibai      (b) Tantia Tope      (c) Nana Saheb      (d) Peshwa Baji Rao II
  
2. Assertion (A)- Land degradation, landslides, soil erosion, desertification are the major threats to the environment  
  
Reason (R)- People started encroaching the common lands to build up commercial areas, housing complexes in the urban areas and to expand the agricultural land in the rural areas.  
  
i.) A is correct but R is wrong  
ii.) Both A and R are true and R is the correct explanation of A.  
iii.) Both A and R are true but R is not the correct explanation of A.  
iv.) A is wrong but R is correct
  
3. Give any two steps that government has taken to conserve plants and animals.
  
4. Private educational institutions – schools, colleges, universities, technical and vocational training institutes are coming up in our country in a big way. On the other hand, educational institutes run by the government are becoming relatively less important. What do you think would be the impact of this? Discuss.
  
5. Write a short note on Sulabh International.
  
6. Explain the need for water as a Right to Life.

## 7. Picture Study



1. Identify the picture.
2. How did he spend the last phase of his life?
3. Mutineers proclaimed him as the of their revolt.

## 8. Case study-s

Porto Alegre is a city in Brazil. Though there are many poor people in this city, what is remarkable is that it has a far lower number of infant deaths as compared to most other cities of the world. The city's, water department has achieved universal access to safe water and this is the main reason behind the lower number of infant deaths. The average price of water, is kept low, and the poor are charged half basic rate. Whatever profit the department makes is used to improve the water supply. The working of the water department is transparent and people can have a direct say in deciding which projects the department should take up. Through a process of public meetings, people hear what the managers have to say and also vote on their priorities.

- I. What is the remarkable achievement of the city?
- II. Who tried to achieve the project of universal access to safe water?
- III. Discuss two features of the department which you liked the most.