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RABINDRANATH TAGORE: ‘RAM MOHAN ROY’

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Short Questions:

1. Who wrote *Ram Mohan Roy*?
Rabindranath Tagore
2. Where was the essay *Ram Mohan Roy* first published?
Ram Mohan Roy first published in the *Visva-Bharati News* in March 1933 to mark one year of the death of Ram Mohan Roy.
3. How does Rabindranath describe Ram Mohan Roy?
Rabindranath describe Ram Mohan Roy as a rare personality who brought modernity in India.
4. What does Tagore mean by a musical instrument whose strings have slackened?
The musical instrument with slackened (loose) strings refers to Indians who have forgotten about their heritage.
5. How was Ram Mohan Roy treated by Indian people?
Ram Mohan Roy was rudely rejected by Indian people.
6. Why was Ram Mohan Roy rejected by Indians?
Ram Mohan Roy was rejected by Indians as they did not wish to be reminded of their great responsibility - the inheritance of India.
7. How did Indians regard the arrival of Ram Mohan Roy?
Indians regarded the arrival of Ram Mohan Roy as an 'unwelcome accident'.
8. To what does Tagore compare Ram Mohan Roy's arrival in Indian society?
Ram Mohan Roy arrived as a shower of rain after a long draught (dry season).
9. How does Tagore describe Ram Mohan Roy's life?
Ram Mohan Roy lived a lonely life.
10. What was Ram Mohan Roy's gift to Indian society?
Ram Mohan Roy's gifted the confluence of the cultures of East and West to Indian society.
11. What is the meaning of the 'confluence'?
'Confluence' means a 'meeting point'.
12. What did Ram Mohan Roy see before his mind's eye?
The vision of modern India

13. Why should Indians feel ashamed according to Tagore?

Indians should feel ashamed as they have failed to give recognition to Ram Mohan Roy even a century after his death.

14. How did Indians regard Ram Mohan Roy in the hundred years after his death?

Indians regarded Ram Mohan Roy as an ‘alien’ – a foreigner.

15. What should Indians do to recognize the greatness of Ram Mohan Roy?

Indians should ‘receive’ Ram Mohan Roy’s ideas and recognize him as a great messenger of truth.

