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	1. Mahalwari system, devised by Holt Mackenzie came into effect in 1822, in In the North Western Provinces of the Bengal Presidency.	1. Lord Cornwallis introduced the Permanent Settlement in 1793.
	2. The amount to be paid was to be revised periodically, not permanently fixed.	2. The amount to be paid was fixed permanently, that is, it was not to be increased ever in future.
	3. The charge of collecting the revenue and paying it to the Company was given to the village headman.	3. The charge of collecting the revenue and paying it to the Company was given to the zamindar.

Q2. What was Ryotwari system?

Ans. The new system that was devised came to be known as the ryotwar (or ryotwari). It was tried on a small scale by Captain Alexander Read in some of the areas that were taken over by the Company after the wars with Tipu Sultan. Subsequently developed by Thomas Munro, this system was gradually extended all over south India. Read and Munro felt that in the south there were no traditional zamindars. The settlement, they argued, had to be made directly with the cultivators (ryots) who had tilled the land for generations. Their fields had to be carefully and separately surveyed before the revenue assessment was made.