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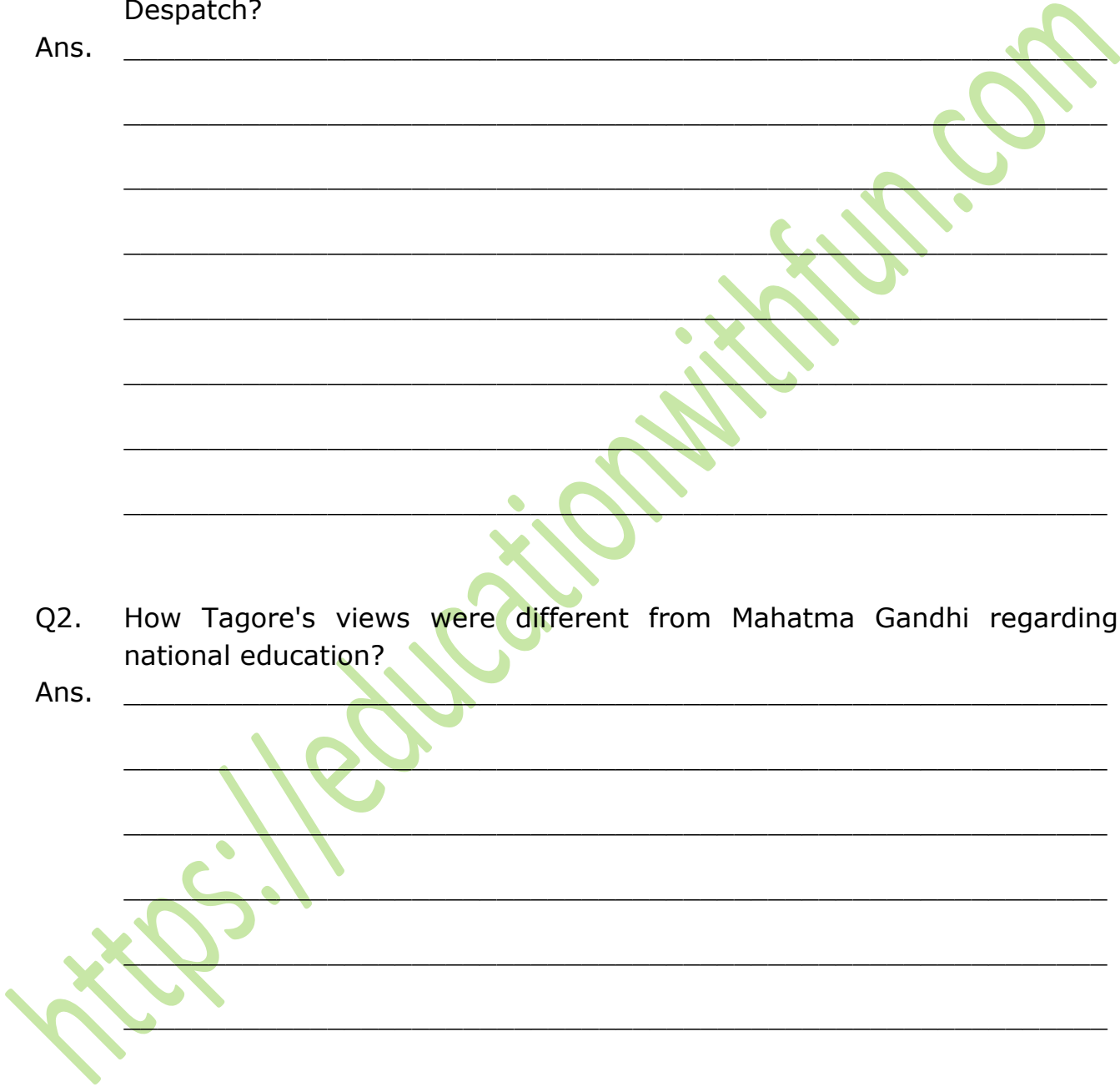
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Ans. Following the 1854 Despatch, several measures were introduced by the British.

- i. Education departments of the government were set up to extend control over all matters regarding education.
- ii. Steps were taken to establish a system of university education. Universities were established in Calcutta, Madras and Bombay.
- iii. Attempts were also made to bring about changes within the system of school education.

Q2. How Tagore's views were different from Mahatma Gandhi regarding national education?

Ans. In many senses Tagore and Mahatma Gandhi thought about education in similar ways. There were, however, differences too. Gandhiji was highly critical of Western civilisation and its worship of machines and technology. Tagore wanted to combine elements of modern Western civilisation with what he saw as the best within Indian tradition. He emphasized the need to teach science and technology at Santiniketan, along with art, music and dance.