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Ans. Measures taken by the Company to improve the system of vernacular education were:

- i. It appointed a number of government pandits, each in charge of looking after four to five schools. The task of the pandit was to visit the pathshalas and try and improve the standard of teaching.
- ii. Each guru was asked to submit periodic reports and take classes according to a regular timetable.
- iii. Teaching was now to be based on textbooks and learning was to be tested through a system of annual examination.
- iv. Students were asked to pay a regular fee, attend regular classes, sit on fixed seats, and obey the new rules of discipline.

Q2. What type of education did Mahatma Gandhi want in India?

Ans. Mahatma Gandhi's views on education

- i. Mahatma Gandhi wanted an education that could help Indians recover their sense of dignity and self-respect.
- ii. Mahatma Gandhi strongly felt that Indian languages ought to be the medium of teaching. Education in English crippled Indians, distanced them from their own social surroundings, and made them "strangers in their own lands". Speaking a foreign tongue, despising local culture, the English educated did not know how to relate to the masses.
- iii. He argued that education ought to develop a person's mind and soul. Literacy – or simply learning to read and write – by itself did not count as education. People had to work with their hands, learn a craft, and know how different things operated. This would develop their mind and their capacity to understand.