

① James mill divided Indian History into three periods - Hindu, Muslim and Christian.

Ans. False

2. Official documents help us understand what the people of the country think.

Ans. False

3. The British thought surveys ~~were~~ were important for effective administration.

Ans. True

### Let's discuss

Q. 2 What is the problem with the periodisation of Indian history that James mill offers?

Ans. James mill divided his book into three periods namely:- Hindu, Muslims and British. According to his prejudiced version of Indian History the British rule represents all the forces of progress and civilisation while the period before British rule represents darkness, ignorance, despotism, religious intolerance, caste taboos and superstitious practices, etc.

The view of mill has several problems which is not acceptable due to reasons.

⇒ A variety of faith, apart from Hindu and Islam, existed in the periods categorised as Hindu and Muslim by mill

⇒ All rulers in ancient India did not share the same faith.

Q 3 Why did the British Preserve official Document?  
Ans. British had Preserved official Document as they thought if ~~any~~ they write and Record everything, it will later be easier for them to Study and debate.  
According to British, they needed official Records of all what they thought was right so that in future, these can serve as Proofs of all the ~~esti~~ decision they had Taken.

Q 4. How will the information historians get from old newspapers be different from that Found in Police Reports?

Ans. The difference in the information historians get from old newspapers and that found in Police Reports is due to the Source of information and the tool of ~~Refo~~ Reporting. While the information Found in old newspaper Shows the new editor and Reporter's Point of views, the Police Reports were based on Facts. The newspaper might not also Shows the entire story about the incident happened whereas as Police Reports will be detailed and will Show the entire Society as it is.