

Case study

He was a poet. He was an assistant Head-Master of Hindu College, Kolkata. He was one of the first Indian educators to bring Western education and science among the young men of Bengal. He was Henry Louis Vivian Derozio. He was born on 18th April, 1809 in Calcutta. His father was an Indian and mother was an English.

He was writing poems at the age of 17. Writing patriotic poems was his passion. Later in 1826, he was appointed instructor at Hindu College. He inspired his students with his brilliant teaching. Derozio fought against the social practices and religious beliefs of the Hindu extremists. He was forced to resign by the directors of Hindu College in 1831.

Derozio died of cholera. Later, his former students, known as Young Bengal followed his principles and brought changes in law and the society of the time.

Read the passage above and answer the following questions:

1. In which college did Derozio teach?
 - a) Hindu College
 - b) Sanskrit College
 - c) St. Xavier's College
 - d) Presidency University
2. What did he bring among the young men of Bengal?
 - a) Western education only
 - b) Science only
 - c) Western education and science
 - d) Western culture
3. When was Derozio born?
 - a) 18th April 1810
 - b) 18th April 1800
 - c) 08th April 1809
 - d) 18th April 1809
4. What was the nationality of Derozio's father?
 - a) Sri Lankan
 - b) Indian
 - c) English
 - d) Belgian
5. When did he start writing poems?
 - a) At the age of 17
 - b) At the age of 15
 - c) At the age of 16

- d) At the age of 18
- 6. Which kind of poems did he use to write?
 - a) Romantic poems
 - b) Patriotic poems
 - c) Poems for kids
 - d) Lullaby
- 7. When did he resign from Hindu College?
 - a) 1830
 - b) 1832
 - c) 1831
 - d) 1835
- 8. Whom did Derozio fight against?
 - a) Hindus
 - b) Muslims
 - c) Christians
 - d) Sikhs
- 9. What was the name of his students' association?
 - a) Yuva Bharati
 - b) Young India
 - c) Yuva Bangla
 - d) Young Bengal
- 10. What was Derozio's age when he died?
 - a) 20 years
 - b) 21 years
 - c) 22 years
 - d) 23 years
