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8.9 ANSWERS TO CHECK YOUR PROGRESS

Ans to Q No.1: J S Mill is one of the great British philosophers of the Victorian world whose writings on social and political theory have been widely read by the readers irrespective of time period.

Ans to Q No.2: John Stuart Mill

Ans to Q No.3: J S Mill is famous for the theory of Utilitarianism

Ans to Q No.4: *Autobiography*

Ans to Q No.5: At the age of 3 only.

Ans to Q No.6: James Mill and Harriet Burrow Mill

Ans to Q No.7: London

Ans to Q No.8: Jeremy Bentham.

Ans to Q No.9: Alongwith Greek and English, he was also expert in physics, arithmetic and astronomy.

Ans to Q No.10: Mill's acquaintance with the issue of Utilitarianism was based on the writings of others, particularly John Herschel, William Whewell, Alexander Bain and August Comte.

Ans to Q No.11: The most significant literary works of J S Mill are: *System of Logic* (1843), *On Liberty* (1859), *Utilitarianism* (1861) and *An Examination of Sir William Hamilton's Philosophy* (1865)

Ans to Q No.12: The main topics as discussed in the first chapter is Mill's Childhood and early education. Moreover, the chapter also deals with the issues related to the solitary childhood of the author as well as the education he received after being in touch with a circle of great personalities.

Ans to Q No.13: Mill's close association with the books of different disciplines including history books is well marked when he talks about great literary works like Robertson's histories, Watson's *The Reign of Phillip II* and *The Reign of Phillip III,* Hooke's History of Rome, Rollin's *Ancient History*, Burnet's *History of My Own Time*, Miller's *Historical View of English Government*, Mosheim's *Ecclesiastical History*, McCrie's *Life of John Knox*, and Sewel's and Rutty's *Histories of the Quakers.*

Ans to Q No.14: Some of the Latin works he seems tobe well-acquainted with are Bucolics of Virgil and the first six books of the Aeneid; all of Horace apart from the Epodes; the Fables of Phaedrus; some plays of Terence; the first five books of Livy; all of Sallust; a substantial part of Ovid's *Metamorphoses;* several of Cicero's Orations and of his writings on oratory. He has also read *Iliad* and *Odyssey* thoroughly.

Ans to Q No.15: Mill's father James Mills is the torchbearer of his son's life who has taught him all the necessary lessons of life.

Ans to Q No.16: Unpretentiousness and Utilitarianism

Ans to Q No.17: Utilitariansim is a set of principles based on the conviction that an action is morally right if it benefits the majority of people.

Ans to Q No.18: J. S. Mill in his literary work "Utilitarianism".

Ans to Q No.19: Politics appear to be one of the important topics of discussion in his writings.

Ans to Q No.20: Yes, he is a strong supporter of the theory of Utilitarianism.

Ans to Q No.21: Mill's language is not so difficult to be understood though it has a kind of magnitude. It is marked by clarity and precision' and no ambiguity can be noticed in it.

Ans to Q No.22: The performance and the character and of a child are the result of the experiences he or she gathers as a child on earth.

Ans to Q No.23: J S Mill's vast extent of knowledge was fortified by the books of different languages including Greek, Latin and English which had been referred by his father James Mill.

Ans to Q No.24: Adam Smith is a Scottish economist.



8.10 MODEL QUESTIONS

Q1. Why is J S Mill famous? Discuss

Q2. Briefly discuss the theory of Utilitarianism as given by J. S. Mill.

Q3. How does J. S. Mill perceive the idea of happiness? Comment.

Q4. Name the books that J S Mill was well-acquainted with during his childhood days.

Q5. Discuss the contributions made by J S Mill in the field of literature and philosophy.

Q6. Make a note style and language of Mill's writings.

Q7. Discuss a major book that has greatly influenced J. S. Mill in his childhood.

Q8. Prepare a note on the childhood days of J. S. Mill.

Q9. How did the early education shape the mental faculties of J. S. Mill? Discuss.

Q10. What are the recurrent themes of Mill's work? Discuss.