# 9. Women's Upliftment and Social Reform under the British Rule

## Worksheet 1

- A State whether the following statements are true or false:
  - 1. Women were allowed to work in offices in the 18th century.
  - 2. Raja Ram Mohan Roy opposed child marriage and polygamy.
  - 3. The Home Rule Movement was started by Sarojini Naidu.
  - 4. Swami Dayanand Saraswati was the founder of the Arya Samaj.
  - 5. Jyotiba Phule opened schools only for boys.
  - **6.** Ishwar Chandra Vidyasagar's efforts made the British pass the Widow Remarriage Act 1856.
- B Answer the following briefly:
  - 1. What did the British promise about Indian culture?
  - 2. Name two major Indian reformers.
  - 3. Name three major writers of the 19th century.
  - 4. A major change brought about by the efforts of the following:
    - (a) Raja Ram Mohan Roy
    - (b) Ishwar Chandra Vidyasagar
    - (c) Jyotiba Phule
    - (d) Dayananda Saraswati
    - (e) Kandakuri Veerasalingam

#### Answers to Worksheet I

- A. 1. False 2. True 3. False 4. True 5. False 6. True
- B. 1. The British promised not to interfere with social and religious matters in India.
  - 2. Raja Ram Mohan Roy; Ishwar Chandra Vidyasagar. [or any of the others]
  - 3. Rabindranath Tagore; Bankim Chandra Chatterjee; Premchand
  - 4. (a) Banning of sati
    - (b) Widow remarriage

- (c) Education of girls
- (d) Founded Arya Samaj and opened kanya gurukuls
- (e) Equality for all human beings

## Worksheet 2

A Arrange the students into groups of six and ask each group to make a chart about one reformer or writer of the 19th century.

### Answers to Worksheet 2

A. The teacher can allot the subjects to the groups. The students may collect/draw a picture. Each student of the group may add at least one or two points about the subject and add it to the chart.