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SUBJECTIVE QUESTION

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ANSWER POINTERS

Approach: The demand of the question is to discuss the policies undertaken by Robert Clive and Warren Hastings which helped British to expand their power and hold over India.

Introduction: Robert Clive and Warren Hastings helped in establishing the foundation of British rule in India.

Role of Clive: Fought Battle of Plassey and Buxar and demonstrated his leadership skills in military along treacherous and diplomatic skills in waging wars with locals.

Role of Hastings: The first Governor General of Bengal. The important foundational acts like Regulating Act 1773 and Pitts India Act of 1784 took place under him to formalise and regulate EIC for British interests.

He also fought wars against local kingdoms like Marathas, Mysore and Rohillas as an attempt to prioritize British interests.

Conclusion: Clive and Hastings tenure just marked the beginning of English rule in India, but the real work was done under subsequent Governor Generals like Cornwallis and Dalhousie via their land revenue policies and doctrine of lapse which were the real game changers.

