



## INDIAN SCHOOL AL WADI AL KABIR

### Structural Change (Grade XII)

### Question Bank with Answers

#### OVERVIEW OF THE CHAPTER:



- INTRODUCTION
- UNDERSTANDING COLONIALISM
- URBANIZATION AND INDUSTRIALIZATION
- TEA PLANTATIONS
- INDUSTRIALIZATION IN INDEPENDENT INDIA
- URBANIZATION IN INDEPENDENT INDIA

**Q1. What is meant by colonialism?** Ans: Colonialism simply means the establishment of rule by one country over another. In the modern period western colonialism has had the greatest impact.

**Q2. What is meant by capitalism? (2mks)**

Ans: Capitalism is an economic system in which the means of production are privately owned and organized to accumulate profits within a market system. Capitalism in the west emerged out of a complex process of European exploration of the rest of the world, its plunder of wealth and resources, an unprecedented growth of science and technology, its harnessing to industries and agriculture. What marked capitalism from the very beginning was its dynamism, its potential to grow, expand, innovate, use technology and labour in a way that best assured the greatest profit.

**Q3. What was the impact of British industrialization on Indian industries? (4mks)**

Impact of British industrialization on Indian industries is as follows:

- British industrialization led to deindustrialization in some sectors
- Old urban centres declined: Just as manufacturing boomed in Britain, traditional exports of cotton and silk manufactures from India declined in the face of Manchester competition.
- Further decline of cities such as Surat and Masulipatnam while Bombay and Madras grew.

-Unlike Britain where the impact of industrialization led to more people moving into urban areas, in India the initial impact of the same British industrialization led to more people moving agriculture.

#### Q4. How did industrialization take place after independence? (4/6mks)

Indian nationalists viewed economic exploitation under colonial rule as a key issue. They believed rapid industrialization was essential for growth and social equity.

Early industrialization after Independence focused on:

- Developing heavy and machine-making industries,
- Expanding the public sector,
- Promoting a large cooperative sector.
- In 1938, the Indian National Congress formed the National Planning Committee with Jawaharlal Nehru as Chairman and K.T. Shah as editor.

The Committee focused on:

1. Agriculture and primary production,
2. Industries and secondary production,
3. Labour and population,
4. Exchange and finance,
5. Public utilities (transport and communication),
6. Social services (health and housing),
7. Education (general and technical),
8. Women's role in a planned economy.

- The Planning Commission was established in March 1950 by the Government of India to define and implement the country's development plans.

#### Q5. How has English language impacted our society? (4mks)

Ans: The impact of English language on Indian society has been many sided. Apart from being widely used in India today, during the colonial rule it was a major contributor to the growth of nationalism. Today the knowledge of English has given Indians an edge over others in the job market. Fluency in English has led to increase in social prestige and status among some groups and has been a factor that has contributed to reducing social inequalities.

#### Q6. Urbanization and industrialization are linked processes. Justify (6mks)

**Ans.** Industrialization refers to the emergence of machine production, based on the use of inanimate power resources like steam or electricity.

- A prime feature of industrial societies is that a large number of people are employed in factories, offices or shops rather than agriculture.
- Over 90% people are living in cities and towns where most jobs are to be found and new job opportunities are created e.g. in Britain the first society to undergo industrialization was also the earliest to move from being rural to an urban community.
- During British period industrialization in some regions had led to decline of old urban centers.

The process of urbanization during the colonial period caused decline of earlier urban centers and the emergence of **new colonial cities** e.g. cities like Surat and Masulipatnam lost their charm and Bombay and Madras emerged as important cities.

- When manufacturing units boomed in Britain, traditional export of cotton and silk manufactures of India declined because they could not compete to Manchester.

- At the end of 19th century, with the development of mechanized factory industrialization, few towns became heavily populated.

Other than eastern India where British penetration was earliest and deepest, survived much longer e.g. village crafts in the interior could survive. They were affected only with the spread of railways.

- The government of India after Independence played significant role in protecting and promoting industrialization.
- Because of recent policies related to liberalization and globalization led to vast expansion of cities.

**Q7. What is the difference between the empire building of pre-capitalist times and that of capitalist times? (2/4mks)**

Ans: While history is full of examples of the annexation of foreign territory and the domination of weaker by stronger powers, there is nevertheless a vital difference between the empire building of pre-capitalist times and that of capitalist times. Apart from outright pillage, the pre-capitalist conquerors benefitted from the dominating by exacting a continuous flow of tribute. On the whole they did not interfere with the economic base. They simply took the tribute that was skimmed off the economic surplus that was produced traditionally in the subjugated area. In contrast, British colonialism which was based on capitalist system directly interfered to ensure greatest profit and benefit to British capitalism. Every policy was geared towards the strengthening and expansion of British capitalism.

**Q8. What is de-industrialization? (2mks)**

Ans: De-industrialization is a process of social and economic change caused by the removal or reduction of industrial activity in a region. In India the impact of the very same British industrialization led to deindustrialization in some sectors.

-Decline of old urban centers: Just as the manufacturing boomed in Britain, traditional exports of cotton and silk manufacturers from India declined in the face of Manchester competition

-This period also saw the further decline of cities such as Surat and Masulipatnam while Bombay and Madras grew

The cities were an expression of global capitalism

**Q9. How did the nationalists view industrialization after independence? (2mks)**

Ans: Indian nationalist saw **heavy industrialization of the economy** as the path towards both growth and social equity. Development of heavy and machine-making industries, expansion of the public sector and holding of a large cooperative sector were considered very important.

**Q10. What are the aspects of Indian society that have been shaped by our paradoxical experience with colonialism? (2mks)**

Ans: Our laws, our political life, our social reform and nationalist movement, our constitution, our industry and agriculture, our cities and our villages have been shaped by our paradoxical experience with colonialism.

**Q11. How has colonialism impacted our lives? You can either focus on one aspect like culture or politics or treat them together (6mks)**

Ans. British colonialism which was based on capitalism directly interfered to ensure greatest profit and benefit to British capitalism.

- **Profit-driven rule:** British colonialism was based on capitalism and aimed at maximizing profits for Britain.

- **Policy focus:** All policies supported British economic interests.

- **Land changes:**

- Changed land ownership laws.
- Controlled which crops were grown.
- Altered production and distribution methods.

- **Industry & Forests:**

- Interfered in Indian manufacturing.
- Cleared forests for plantations.
- Introduced Forest Acts that impacted tribal and pastoralist lives.

- **Migration & Awareness:**

- Caused internal migration.
- Led to rise in nationalist and anti-colonial awareness.

- **Cultural impact:**

- Increased exposure to modern western ideas like liberty and rights.
- Sparked the freedom movement.

- **Social changes:**

- Affected lifestyle, food, language, and clothing of the emerging middle class.

- **Political changes:**

- Influenced the national movement, legal system, constitution, education, policing, and governance structure.

**Q12. Explain M.S.A Rao's three levels of urbanization observed in independent India (6mks)**

M.S.A. Rao: Three Types of Urban Influence on Villages

**1. Migration to Distant Cities/Abroad**

- Villagers work in cities or foreign countries while families remain in the village.
- **Example:** Gujaratis working in Africa/UK.
- Remittances are used to build houses, buy land, start businesses and support schools/trusts.

**2. Villages near Industrial Towns**

- Industrialisation may **displace villages** or take away part of their land.
- In-migration of workers increases demand for **housing and markets**.
- It may also create **tensions between locals and newcomers**.
- **Example:** Villages around Bhilai.

**3. Villages near Big Cities**

- Urban expansion may **absorb entire villages** into the city.
- Some villages lose only their **agricultural land** to urban development.

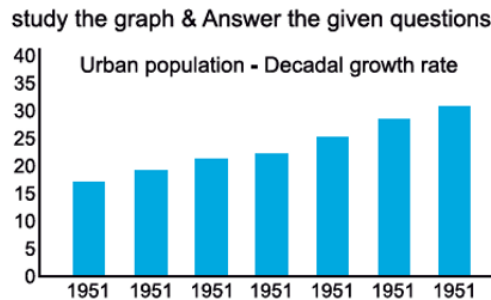
**Q13. Which cities were developed by the British in India? Why? (4mks)**

Ans: Cities had a key role in the economic system of empires. Coastal cities such as Mumbai, Kolkata and Chennai were favoured. From here primary commodities could be easily exported and manufactured goods could be cheaply imported. Colonial cities were the prime link between the economic centre or core in Britain and periphery or margins in colonised India. Cities in this sense were the concrete expression of global capitalism. In British India for example Bombay was planned and re-developed so that by 1900 over three-quarters of India's raw cotton were shipped through the city. Calcutta exported jute to Dundee while Madras sent coffee, sugar, indigo dyes and cotton to Britain.

**Q14. Explain the labour system in Assam where the tea industry was located (2mks)**

Ans: The labour system in Assam was essentially that of **indenture** by which the labourers went to Assam **under contract for a number of years**. The **British government** helped the planters by providing for **penal sanctions** in case of **non-fulfillment of the contract by the labourers**.

**Q15. Refer to the graph below and answer the questions that follow:**



- What do you understand by Urbanisation.
- How did the Urbanisation change from 1957 to 2011 and what were the reasons for that? Discuss with the help of Examples.

### OBJECTIVE TYPE QUESTIONS:

- What makes British colonialism different from pre-capitalist conquests?** a) It involved territorial annexation b) It directly interfered with the economic base to ensure maximum profit c) It collected tribute from conquered territories d) It established political control over foreign lands
- According to the chapter, which of the following is NOT mentioned as a lasting impact of colonialism on contemporary India?** a) Parliamentary system based on British model b) Driving on the left side of the road c) Use of the metric system d) School uniforms with neck-ties
- The English language in India represents a paradox because:** a) It is difficult to learn for Indians b) It provides global market advantages but remains a mark of privilege c) It is only used in urban areas d) It has replaced all regional languages
- Capitalism, as described in the chapter, is characterized by:** a) Government ownership of means of production b) Private ownership of means of production organized to accumulate profits c) Equal distribution of wealth d) Absence of market systems
- Which three villages were leased by Job Charnock in 1690 to establish Kolkata?** a) Bombay, Madras, Calcutta b) Kolikata, Gobindapur, Sutanuti c) Delhi, Agra, Lucknow d) Surat, Masulipatnam, Thanjavur
- The initial impact of British industrialization on India led to:** a) More people moving into urban areas b) More people moving into agriculture c) Equal distribution between urban and rural areas d) Complete abandonment of villages
- Which cities declined during the colonial period?** a) Bombay and Madras b) Kolkata and Chennai c) Surat and Masulipatnam d) Delhi and Agra
- The tea industry in India began in:** a) 1851 b) 1863 c) 1870 d) 1903

**9. Most tea gardens in colonial India were situated in:** a) Bengal b) Assam c) Kerala d) Tamil Nadu

**10. The Transport of Native Labourers Act was passed in:** a) 1851 b) 1863 c) 1870 d) 1873

**11. According to the Census of India Report (1911), village industries were destroyed due to:** a) Natural disasters b) Extensive importation of cheap European goods and establishment of Western-type factories c) Lack of skilled workers d) Government policies favoring agriculture

**12. Colonial cities served as:** a) Cultural centers b) Prime links between economic core in Britain and periphery in India c) Administrative centers only d) Religious centers

**13. By 1900, what percentage of India's raw cotton was shipped through Bombay?** a) Half b) Two-thirds c) Over three-quarters d) Nearly all

**14. The Swadeshi movement strengthened:** a) British colonial rule b) Loyalty to the national economy c) International trade relations d) Regional divisions

**15. According to M.S.A. Rao, how many types of urban impact on villages are described?** a) Two b) Three c) Four d) Five

**16. In Madhopur village, out of 298 households, how many had migrants?** a) 57 b) 67 c) 77 d) 87

**17. What percentage of migrants from Madhopur sent money regularly to their village?** a) 65% b) 75% c) 83% d) 90%

**18. In 1951, what percentage of India's population lived in urban areas?** a) 15.29% b) 17.29% c) 19.29% d) 21.29%

**19. In 2011, what percentage of India's population lived in urban areas?** a) 29.16% b) 31.16% c) 33.16% d) 35.16%

**20. For the first time since Independence, the absolute increase in population was more in:** a) Rural areas than urban areas b) Urban areas than rural areas c) Equal in both areas d) Neither urban nor rural areas

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## Answer Key

1. b) It directly interfered with the economic base to ensure maximum profit
2. c) Use of the metric system
3. b) It provides global market advantages but remains a mark of privilege
4. b) Private ownership of means of production organized to accumulate profits
5. b) Kolkata, Gobindapur, Sutanuti
6. b) More people moving into agriculture
7. c) Surat and Masulipatnam
8. a) 1851
9. b) Assam
10. b) 1863
11. b) Extensive importation of cheap European goods and establishment of Western-type factories
12. b) Prime links between economic core in Britain and periphery in India
13. c) Over three-quarters
14. b) Loyalty to the national economy
15. b) Three
16. c) 77
17. b) 75%
18. b) 17.29%
19. b) 31.16%
20. b) Urban areas than rural areas