**Indian Economy on the eve of Independence**

**And Indian Economy Reform**

**Important Questions :**

* **MCQ**

1. First attempt to estimate national income in India during British period was made in ………….

a. William Digbe b. Vijendra Kasturi Ranga Varadaraja Rao

c. Dada Bhai Naoroji

**Ans:** b. Vijendra Kasturi Ranga Varadaraja Rao

2. In British India, cloth industry was concentrated at …………………

a. Ahmedabad b. Hyderabad c. Ghaziabad

**Ans:** a. Ahmedabad

3. First Indian Census of Population during British rule took place in the year………..

a. 1885 b.1881 c.1884

**Ans:** b. 1881

4. Modern postal system was introduced in ……………… in India.

a. 1835 b.1834 c.1837

**Ans:** c.1837

5. When was Railway service in India introduced ……………….

a. 1850 b. 1881 c. 1853

**Ans:** a. 1850

6. When was First train in India introduced ……………….

a. 1850 b. 1881 c. 1853

**Ans:** c.1853

7. Which was the most important infrastructure developed during the British rule?

a. Railways b. Roadways c. Water transport

**Ans:** a. Railways

8. When was first postage stamp was developed in India?

a. 1830 b.1840 c.1852

**Ans:** c.1852

9. What was the life expectancy in India during British rule?

a. 32 b.39 c.38

**Ans:** c.38

10. The planning commission was setup in …………………

a.1950 b.1940 c. 1947

**Ans:** a.1950

11. Objective of planning in India are…………………….

a. Modernisation b. Growth c. Both a & b

**Ans:** c. Both a & b

12. ……………………. implies use of advanced technology.

a. Modernisation b. Planning c. Globalisation

**Ans:** a. Modernisation

* **Fill in the Blanks**

1.Literacy rate during British rule was approx ………………….. [**Ans:**16%]

2. During British rule in India about ………… of population was living in rural areas. **[Ans:**72%]

3. The share of workforce engaged in agriculture during British rule was …………. [**Ans:** 85%]

4. ………….. refers to number of infant die before reaching one year of age as per 1000 live births.[ **Ans:** Infant Mortality Rate]

5. During colonial period, India export were ………….. than its Import.[ **Ans:** More]

* **3 or 4 Marks Questions**

1. Which year is regarded as the defining year to mark the demographic transition from its first to the second decisive stage?

Answer:

* Year 1921 (Year of Great Divide)
* Characterised by high birth rate and high death rate
* India’s population growth never declined and showed a consistent upward trend.

2. What was the position of basic infrastructure during the British period?

Answer:

* **Road and Railways-** Built road served the interests of mobilizing the army and shifting raw material.
* **Water Transport-** Inland and oceanic water ways were also developed.
* **Posts-** Postal services were also developed.
* **Telegraphs-** Introduced expensive system of electric telegraph.

3. What was the stage of secondary sector on the eve of Independence?

Answer:

* The process of Industrialisation was limited to textile and plantation industry.
* Didn’t generate employee opportunities due to their capital intensive nature.
* The percentage of work force in secondary sector declined from 12.6% in 1901 to 10.7% in 1951.

4. What were the main causes of India’s agricultural stagnation during the Colonial period?

Answer:

* **Land Revenue System:** The profit accruing out of the agriculture sector went to the Zamindar (Permanent owner of land) instead of cultivators.
* **Lacking Resources:** Due to low level technology, lack of irrigation facilities and negligible use of the fertilizers.
* **Commercialisation of Agriculture:** Instead of producing food crops, they were producing cash crop, which were used in British industries.

5. Critically appraise some of the shortfalls of the industrial policy pursued by the British Colonial administration?

Answer:

* **Neglect of Indian Handicraft industries:** (Brief Description)
* **Lack of Investment in Indian Industries:** (Brief Description)

6. What resulted in endangered high mortality rate?

Answer:

* Lack of adequate public health facilities.
* Occurrence of frequent nature calamities.
* Famines has adverse effects on Indian people.

7.Mention main problem of Indian Agriculture.

Answer:

* Low level of productivity(Brief Description)
* Small land holding(Brief Description)
* Land Tenure system(Brief Description)

8. What are the element of IPR 1956?

Answer:

* Three fold classification of industries
* Industrial Concession
* Industrial license