

Summer Holiday Homework Worksheet

Chapter 1: Indian Economy on the Eve of Independence

Section A: Very Short Answer (1 mark each)

- What was the main aim of British economic policies in India?
Define commercialization of agriculture.
Name any one cash crop grown during British rule.
What was the condition of Indian industries before independence?
What is deindustrialization?
Mention one reason for low agricultural productivity.
What was the literacy rate in 1947?
Name one major port developed by the British.

Section B: Short Answer Questions (3–4 marks each)

- Explain the features of Indian agriculture during the British period.
Why was India called an exporter of raw materials?
Discuss the condition of Indian industries at the time of independence.
Explain the role of British policies in the decline of handicraft industries.
What were the major demographic indicators of India before independence?

Section C: Long Answer Questions (5–6 marks each)

- Explain the impact of British rule on Indian agriculture in detail.
Describe the structure of the Indian economy on the eve of independence.
Discuss the condition of infrastructure during British rule.
Explain the causes and effects of deindustrialization in India.

Section D: Case Study / Source-Based Question

Read the following and answer:

"During British rule, Indian agriculture was backward, dependent on monsoon, and lacked modern technology."

Questions:

- Why was agriculture dependent on monsoon?
- Name two problems faced by farmers.
- Suggest one improvement that could have been made.

Section E: Assertion-Reason Questions

Assertion (A): India had a strong industrial base before independence.

Reason (R): British policies promoted Indian industries.

Assertion (A): Indian agriculture was stagnant.

Reason (R): There was lack of irrigation and modern tools.

(Choose correct option: Both true, Both false, A true R false, A false R true)