

Indian Economy on the Eve of Independence

Choose the correct alternative.

Question 1.

In the history of demographic transition, which year is regarded as the year of the great divide?

- (a) 1901
- (b) 1902
- (c) 1921
- (d) 1923

▼ [Answer](#)

Answer: (c) 1921

Question 2.

When were the railways Introduced in India?

- (a) 1769
- (b) 1825
- (c) 1850
- (d) 1875

▼ [Answer](#)

Answer: (c) 1850

Question 3.

The first census data was collected during British rule.

- (a) 1891
- (b) 1881
- (c) 1950
- (d) 1850

▼ [Answer](#)

Answer: (b) 1881

Question 4.

At the time of independence, most of the land was owned by _____

- (a) farmers
- (b) zamindars
- (c) labour
- (d) all of these

▼ [Answer](#)

Answer: (b) zamindars

Question 5.

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

- (a) 65
- (b) 38
- (c) 32
- (d) 44

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Answer: (d) 44

Question 6.

During colonial period India's demographic profile showed _____

- (a) high birth rate
- (b) low death rate
- (c) low infant mortality rate
- (d) high literacy rate

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Answer: (a) high birth rate

Question 7.

Indian economy on the eve of Independence was _____

- (a) underdeveloped
- (b) developing
- (c) stagnant
- (d) semi-feudal

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Answer: (a) underdeveloped

Question 8.

Suez Canal was opened for transport in _____

- (a) 1850
- (b) 1853
- (c) 1869
- (d) 1901

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Answer: (c) 1869

Question 9.

Who made significant estimates about calculating national income in India during the British period?

- (a) V.K.R.V. Rao
- (b) Dadabhai Naoroji
- (c) Findlay Shirras
- (d) William Digby

▼ [Answer](#)

Answer: (a) V.K.R.V. Rao

[Fill in the blanks with the correct word.](#)

Question 10.

The country's growth of aggregate real output was less than _____ during the first half of the twentieth century.

▼ [Answer](#)

Answer: two percent

Question 11.

The Indian economy was a/an _____ economy at the time of Independence.

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Answer: agrarian

Question 12.

_____ of agriculture increased the burden of revenue on farmers.

▼ [Answer](#)

Answer: Commercialisation

Question 13.

The distribution of the working population in different sectors of the economy offers a glimpse of _____ structure.

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Answer: occupational

Question 14.

The second stage of demographic transition began after _____ in India.

▼ [Answer](#)

Answer: 1921

Question 15.

Indian economy served as a source of _____ for the British industry and a market for its finished goods.

▼ [Answer](#)

Answer: raw material

Question 16.

_____ were developed by the British Raj as a means to enlarge the size of the market for the British goods.

▼ [Answer](#)

Answer: Railways

Question 17.

The British introduced the railways in India in _____

▼ [Answer](#)

Answer: 1850

Question 18.

The _____ sector accounted for only 17.2 percent of the working population on the eve of Independence.

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Answer: tertiary/service

Question 19.

India's first official census was undertaken in _____

▼ [Answer](#)

Answer: 1881

[State whether the following statements are True or False.](#)

Question 20.

India was a prosperous and wealthy economy prior to the advent of British rule.

▼ [Answer](#)

Answer: True

Question 21.

The colonial rule destroyed India's traditional handicraft industry.

▼ [Answer](#)

Answer: True

Question 22.

The economic policies pursued by the colonial government in India were concerned more with the protection and promotion of the economic interests of India.

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Answer: False

Question 23.

India was reduced to an importer of primary products.

▼ [Answer](#)

Answer: False

Question 24.

The contribution of the new industrial sector to the Gross Domestic Product (GDP) expanded significantly during the British rule.

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Answer: False

Question 25.

The aim of developing postal and telegraph was to enhance the efficiency of the British administration.

▼ [Answer](#)

Answer: True

[Match the alternatives given in Column II with respective terms in Column I.](#)

Question 26.

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(ii) British introduced railways in India	(b) 1912

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(iv) Female literacy on the eve of Independence	(d) 16 percent
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▼ [Answer](#)

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