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Examine how the decline of traditional artisanal industry in colonial India crippled the rural economy. (250 words).

UPSC Civil Services Mains 2017 · GS I · 15 marks · Indian Heritage and Culture

Indian culture will cover the salient aspects of Art Forms, literature and Architecture from ancient to modern times.

Facts & figures for this PYQ only.

Numbers move. Confirm the latest Budget, Economic Survey or census round. This sheet is for revision, not a substitute for the model answer.

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One-way free trade

Nineteenth-century tariff design that opened India to British manufactures while Indian cloth faced barriers abroad.

Dadabhai Naoroji

Early nationalist who linked drain of wealth to Indian poverty and the weakening of indigenous industry.

R.C. Dutt

Historian-economist who argued that colonial fiscal and trade policy deindustrialised India and harmed agriculture.

Hand-spinning wage

Home work, often by women, that vanished as mill yarn spread, cutting household buffers.

Swadeshi, 1905 onward

Political attempt to revive Indian cloth and boycott mill imports as a reply to artisan decline.

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