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Q3

Why was there a sudden spurt in famines in colonial India since the mid-eighteenth century? Give reasons.

UPSC Civil Services Mains 2022 · GS I · 10 marks · Modern Indian History

Modern Indian history from about the middle of the eighteenth century until the present - significant events, personalities, issues.

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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Bengal famine, 1770

Early Company-period famine after heavy revenue demand on a drought year.

Permanent Settlement, 1793

Cornwallis settlement in Bengal that locked a cash zamindari demand on the land.

1876-78 famine

Deccan and south Indian famine in the high noon of laissez-faire relief debate.

1896-97 famine

Wide late-Victorian famine that again showed price, rail, and delayed public works.

Bengal famine, 1943

Wartime famine of entitlement, boat denial, and distribution failure under the Crown.

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