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How far was the Industrial Revolution in England responsible for the decline of handicrafts and cottage industries in India?

UPSC Civil Services Mains 2024 · GS I · 15 marks · History of the World

History of the world will include events from the 18th century such as industrial revolution, world wars, redrawing of national boundaries, colonization, decolonization, political philosophies like communism, capitalism, socialism etc. - their forms and effect on the society.

Facts & figures for this PYQ only.

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Charter Act, 1813

Ended the East India Company's monopoly of Indian trade (except tea and China for a time) and widened the entry of British manufactures.

Dadabhai Naoroji

His drain of wealth argument linked colonial rule to the unrequited export of Indian resources, including the textile story.

R.C. Dutt

The Economic History of India argued that free-trade policy deindustrialised India in the interest of Lancashire.

Deindustrialisation debate

Bagchi and others document a fall in secondary employment in parts of nineteenth-century India; Roy stresses markets and artisan flexibility.

Indian mills

Bombay and Ahmedabad cotton mills later competed with both Lancashire and the handloom, complicating a Britain-only villain story.

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