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Q1(b)

According to you, which social reform had long-lasting impact on a specific section of society? Support your answer with suitable example.

UPSC Civil Services Mains 2026 · Sociology GS 2 · 10 marks · Impact of colonial rule on Indian society

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Impact of colonial rule on Indian society: Social background of Indian nationalism; Modernization of Indian tradition; Protests and movements during the colonial period; Social reforms.

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Hindu Widows' Remarriage Act, 1856

Legally sanctioned the marriage of widows and declared children from such marriages legitimate, removing traditional civil disabilities.

Abolition of Sati Regulation, 1829

Declared the practice of burning or burying alive Hindu widows illegal and punishable by the colonial courts under Lord William Bentinck.

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