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Q2(b)**Examine how Indian Nationalism was a result of 'Akhand Bharat'/Indian Subcontinent's socio-cultural and political consciousness**

UPSC Civil Services Mains 2026 · Sociology GS 2 · 20 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.

Facts & figures for this PYQ only.

Numbers move. Confirm the latest Budget, Economic Survey or census round.

Indian National Congress (INC)

Established in 1885, it provided the primary institutional platform for pan-Indian political mobilisation and anti-colonial resistance.

Drain of Wealth Theory

Propounded by Dadabhai Naoroji, it economically unified the subcontinent by demonstrating how British policies impoverished India.

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