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Which of the following statements correctly explain the impact of Industrial Revolution on India during the first half of the nineteenth century? (a) Indian handicrafts were ruined. (b) Machines were introduced in the Indian textile industry in large numbers. (c) Railway lines were laid in many parts of the country (d) Heavy duties were imposed on the imports of British manufactures Official key: A.

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Ancient, medieval and modern Indian history - Prelims GS Paper I.

Explanation**(a) Official key**

Indian handicrafts were ruined. Machine-made Lancashire cloth undercut weavers in the first half of the nineteenth century.

(b)

Machines in Indian mills in large numbers. That is later (1850s onward, Bombay).

(c)

Railways in many parts. Main trunk boom is post-1853, not the first-half story as keyed.

(d)

- **Heavy duties on British manufactures. Policy was the opposite:** free entry of British goods.

Summary

Official key is (a). The first-half-nineteenth-century industrial-revolution impact keyed here is **de-industrialisation** of handicrafts. Mills, railways at scale, and duties on British goods are the wrong decade or the wrong policy.

Related possible facts

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De-industrialisation

Naoroji / Dutt on weavers.

1813 Charter

End of EIC trade monopoly; more British cloth in.

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