

Colonialism and Indian Freedom Struggle: Important Exam Questions

Political Science (Hons.)

Questions

- Q1. Analyze the different perspectives on British colonialism in India**, highlighting the key arguments of the Imperialist, Nationalist, Marxist, Subaltern, and Postcolonial viewpoints. How do these perspectives shape our understanding of colonial rule?
- Q2. Compare and contrast the Moderate and Extremist phases of Indian nationalism** during the late 19th and early 20th centuries. Discuss the ideological differences and their impact on the freedom struggle.
- Q3. Evaluate the constitutional developments during British rule in India**, from the Regulating Act (1773) to the Government of India Act (1935). To what extent were these reforms aimed at maintaining colonial control rather than granting self-governance?
- Q4. Discuss the economic impact of colonial rule on India's agriculture and peasantry**, with reference to land revenue systems, deindustrialization, and commercialization of agriculture. How did these policies lead to peasant unrest?
- Q5. Examine the role of revolutionaries, socialists, and communists in India's freedom struggle**. How did their ideologies and methods differ from Gandhian nationalism, and what was their significance in the broader anti-colonial movement?