

BOARD-PATTERN PRACTICE PAPER · CBSE CLASS 12**Indian Economy on the Eve of Independence**

Economics (Indian Economic Development) · Chapter 1 · Matches current CBSE blueprint · Each question PYQ-sourced where indicated

DATE	TOTAL MARKS	DURATION	MARKING	TARGET
	25	50 min	As per board	≥ 20/25

GENERAL INSTRUCTIONS

- All compulsory.
- Specific facts (numbers, names, dates) are mandatory for full marks.
- Critically appraise = state both negative AND nominally positive impacts with critique.

Section A — VSA (1 mark × 4)

4 MARKS · 8 MIN

- Q1.** Who put forward the 'drain of wealth' theory? [PYQ 2018 Delhi] **[1 mark]**
- Q2.** In which year did the Bengal famine occur? [PYQ 2019 All India] **[1 mark]**
- Q3.** Roughly what percentage of India's workforce was dependent on agriculture at independence? [PYQ 2022 Delhi] **[1 mark]**
- Q4.** In which year was TISCO established? [PYQ 2024 All India] **[1 mark]**

Section B — SA-I (3 marks × 2)

6 MARKS · 12 MIN

- Q5.** Explain the foreign trade pattern of India on the eve of independence. [PYQ 2018 Outside Delhi] **[3 marks]**
- Q6.** Why was Indian agriculture in a stagnant state at independence? [PYQ 2020 All India] **[3 marks]**

Section C — SA-II (Long, 5-7 marks)

15 MARKS · 30 MIN

- Q7.** Critically appraise the impact of British rule on the Indian economy. (6 marks) [PYQ 2022 Delhi] **[6 marks]**
- Q8.** Describe the state of demographics + infrastructure of India at the time of independence. (4 marks) [PYQ 2019 Delhi] **[4 marks]**
- Q9.** What was deindustrialisation? Why did India's traditional industries decline under British rule? (5 marks) [PYQ 2023 All India] **[5 marks]**

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