



Indian Economy on the Eve of Independence

A 1-page guide for parents · 90-second read.

EXPECTED MARKS

5-6 out of 6.

TIME TO MASTER

6-8 hrs

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70330 05444**WHAT THIS CHAPTER IS, IN PLAIN ENGLISH**

Your child is learning what the Indian economy LOOKED LIKE on 15 August 1947 — the day of Independence — and how British rule (1757-1947) shaped it. They learn about deindustrialisation (how India's handcraft industries collapsed under British policy), the drain of wealth, the stagnant agriculture, the heavy dependence on agriculture (72% of workforce), and the demographic + infrastructure conditions. This chapter explains WHY independent India needed an ambitious development plan — the starting point was very low.

5 QUESTIONS TO ASK YOUR CHILD

- What was deindustrialisation and what caused it?
- Explain 'drain of wealth' — what did Dadabhai Naoroji mean?
- Why was agriculture stagnant despite employing 72% of workforce?
- What was the foreign trade pattern at independence?
- Critically appraise the impact of British rule.

WEAK-SPOT INDICATORS

- Cannot list 3 specific impacts of British rule with mechanism.
- Treats high agricultural workforce share as 'good' (it was bad — stagnation).
- Doesn't know 1943 Bengal famine or 3M death toll.
- Confuses deindustrialisation cause with 'inferior technology'.

WHEN TO WORRY — AND WHAT TO DO

This chapter requires SPECIFIC FACTS (numbers, dates, names). Vague memorisation fails. Daily 15-minute fact drill for 2 weeks is the fix.

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