

CHAPTER-1-INDIAN ECONOMY ON THE EVE OF INDEPENDENCE

ASSERTION- REASON QUESTIONS

- 1 Read the following statements-Assertion (A) and Reason (R) . Choose one of the correct alternatives given below.
- Assertion (A) : The Britishers turned India a feeder economy for the industries in Britain .
Reason (R) :The Britishers wanted rapid industrialization in Britain.
- Alternatives:
- (a) Both Assertion(A) and Reason(R) are true and Reason (R) is the correct explanation of Assertion (A)
 - (b) Both Assertion(A) and Reason(R) are true and Reason (R) is not the correct explanation of Assertion (A)
 - (c) Assertion (A) is true but Reason (R) is false
 - (d) Assertion (A) is false but Reason (R) is true
- 2 Read the following statements-Assertion (A) and Reason (R) . Choose one of the correct alternatives given below.
- Assertion (A) : The infant mortality rate was very high in India on the eve of independence.
Reason (R) :The Britishers did not develop medical facilities in India.
- Alternatives:
- (a) Both Assertion(A) and Reason(R) are true and Reason (R) is the correct explanation of Assertion (A)
 - (b) Both Assertion(A) and Reason(R) are true and Reason (R) is not the correct explanation of Assertion (A)
 - (c) Assertion (A) is true but Reason (R) is false
 - (d.) Assertion (A) is false but Reason (R) is true
- 3 Read the following statements-Assertion (A) and Reason (R) . Choose one of the correct alternatives given below.
- Assertion (A) : The TISCO was incorporated in 1907.
Reason (R) :The Britishers agreed to purchase steel from TISCO.
- Alternatives
- (a)Both Assertion(A) and Reason(R) are true and Reason (R) is the correct explanation of Assertion (A)
 - (b)Both Assertion(A) and Reason(R) are true and Reason (R) is not the correct explanation of Assertion (A)
 - (c) Assertion (A) is true but Reason (R) is false
 - (d.) Assertion (A) is false but Reason (R) is true
- 4 Read the following statements-Assertion (A) and Reason (R) . Choose one of the correct alternatives given below.
- Assertion (A) : The British government established a monopoly control over India's foreign trade.
Reason (R) :The opening of Suez canal did not act as a determinant to promote trade with Britain.
- Alternatives:
- (a)Both Assertion(A) and Reason(R) are true and Reason (R) is the correct explanation of Assertion (A)
 - (b)Both Assertion(A) and Reason(R) are true and Reason (R) is not the correct explanation of Assertion (A)
 - (c)Assertion (A) is true but Reason (R) is false
 - (d.) Assertion (A) is false but Reason (R) is true

- 5 Read the following statements-Assertion (A) and Reason (R) . Choose one of the correct alternatives given below.
- Assertion (A) : Farmers in India were forced to take up the cultivation of indigo.
Reason (R) : The dyeing and bleaching of textile in the textile industry of Britain :required indigo.
Alternatives:
(a)Both Assertion(A) and Reason(R) are true and Reason (R) is the correct explanation of Assertion (A)
(b)Both Assertion(A) and Reason(R) are true and Reason (R) is not the correct explanation of Assertion (A)
(c) Assertion (A) is true but Reason (R) is false
(d.) Assertion (A) is false but Reason (R) is true
- 6 Assertion(A):Year 1921 was called as year of Great Divide.
Reason(R):Prior to 1921, there was increase in India's population growth rate whereas, it was after 1921, India experienced fluctuations in its population growth rate.
A)Both Assertion(A) and Reason(R) are true and Reason(R) is the correct explanation of Assertion(A).
B)Both Assertion(A) and Reason(R) are true and Reason(R) is not the correct explanation of Assertion(A)
C)Assertion(A) is true but Reason (R) is false.
D)Assertion(A)is false but Reason(R) is true.
- 7 Assertion(A):Indian agriculture was the primary source of employment.
Reason(R):There was under development in Indian Industries.
A)Both Assertion(A) and Reason(R)are true and Reason(R)is the correct explanation of Assertion (A).
B)Both Assertion(A) and Reason(R) are true and Reason(R) is not the correct explanation of Assertion(A)
C)Assertion(A) is true but Reason(R) is false.
D)Assertion(A) is false but Reason(R) is true.
- 8 Assertion(A):There was decay of Indian Handicrafts during the British Rule.
Reason(R):India was the net exporter of raw material in the world.
A)Both Assertion(A)and Reason(R) are true and Reason(R) is the correct explanation of Assertion(A)
B)Both Assertion(A) and Reason(R) are true and Reason(R) is not the correct explanation of Assertion(A)
C)Assertion(A) is true but Reason(R) is false.
D) Assertion(A) is false but Reason(R) is true.

- 9 Assertion(A) Britishers introduced English as medium of language.
Reason(R): Britishers wanted to create a class of Indians who would be Indians by blood by Britishers in their lifestyle.
A) Both Assertion(A) and Reason(R) are true and Reason(R) is the correct explanation of Assertion(A)
B) Both Assertion(A) and Reason(R) are true and Reason(R) is not the correct explanation of Assertion(A)
C) Assertion(A) is true but Reason(R) is false.
D) Assertion(A) is false but Reason(R) is true.
- 10 Assertion(A) During the British rule, production of cash crops improved the economic condition of farmers.
Reason(R) Farmers were given higher price to produce cash crops.
A) Both Assertion(A) and Reason(R) are true and Reason(R) is the correct explanation of Assertion(A)
B) Both Assertion(A) and Reason(R) are true and Reason(R) is not the correct explanation of Assertion(A)
C) Assertion(A) is true but Reason(R) is false.
D) Assertion(A) is false but Reason(R) is true.
- 11 Assertion: Some efforts were made by the Colonial Regime to improve infrastructure facilities in India.
Reason: The real objective of the British was to sub serve various Colonial interests.
Alternatives:
A) Both A and R are true but R is the correct explanation of A.
B) Both A and R are true but R is not correct explanation of A.
C) A is true but R is false.
D) A is false but R is true.
- 12 Assertion (A): More than Half of India's foreign trade was restricted to Britain
Reason (R): Britain maintained Monopoly control on India's Import and Export
A) Both A and R are true and R is the correct explanation of A
B) Both A and R are true and R is not the correct explanation of A
C) A is true, but R is false
D) A is false, but R is true

- 13 Assertion (A): Indian agriculture sector suffered due to partition.
Reason (R): A sizeable proportion of the undivided countries highly irrigated and fertilizers land went to Pakistan.
- A) Both Assertion (A) and Reason (R) are true and Reason (R) is the correct explanation of Assertion (A).
B) Both Assertion (A) and Reason (R) are true and Reason (R) is not the correct explanation of Assertion (A).
C) Assertion (A) is true but Reason (R) is false.
D) Assertion (A) is false but Reason (R) is true.
- 14 Assertion (A): the agricultural sector on the eve of independence suffered from low productivity.
Reason (R): due to decline in handicrafts, people were pushed back into agriculture and so it becomes overcrowded.
- (A) Both Assertion (A) and Reason (R) are true and Reason (R) is the correct explanation of Assertion (A)
(B) Both Assertion (A) and Reason (R) are true and Reason (R) is not the correct explanation of Assertion
(C) Assertion (A) is true but Reason (R) is false.
(D) Assertion (A) is false but Reason (R) is true.
- 15 Assertion (A): Zamindari system of land revenue gave incentives to tillers of soil to increase their productivity.
Reason (R): Under zamindari system, the tillers lacked ownership rights. As a result, they had no interest in improving the agriculture.
- A) Both Assertion (A) and Reason (R) are true and Reason (R) is the correct explanation of Assertion (A)
B) Both Assertion (A) and Reason (R) are true and Reason (R) is not the correct explanation of Assertion (A)
C) Assertion (A) is true but Reason (R) is false
D) Assertion (A) is false but Reason (R) is true

- 16 **Assertion: Colonial government levied 0% import duty on British goods imported in India.**
Reason: Colonial government systematically destroyed Indian handicraft industry
 A- Both A and R are true and R is the correct explanation of A.
 B- Both A and R are true but R is NOT the correct explanation of A.
 C- A is true but R is false.
 D- A is false but R is true
- 17 **Assertion: Agriculture was exploited through Zamindari system of Land Revenue**
Reason: The Zamindars were supposed to pay a fixed sum to the government while they could extract as much as they wanted from the actual tillers of the soil.
 A- Both A and R are true and R is the correct explanation of A.
 B- Both A and R are true but R is NOT the correct explanation of A.
 C- A is true but R is false.
 D- A is false but R is true.
- 18 **Assertion(A):**During colonial rule, India's exports exceeded imports which resulted in a trade surplus.
Reason(R): Trade surplus was used for the development of the Indian Economy.
 A. Both Assertion(A) and Reason(R) are true and Reason(R) is correct explanation of the Assertion(A).
 B.Both Assertion(A) and Reason(R) are true and Reason(R) is not the correct explanation of the Assertion(A).
 C.Assertion (A) is true but Reason (R) is false.
 D.Assertion (A) is false but Reason (R) is true.
- 19 **Assertion(A):**India could not develop a sound industrial base under British Rule.
Reason(R): The colonial government reduced India to the status of a mere exporter of raw materials to be used by upcoming industries in Britain.
 A. Both Assertion(A) and Reason(R) are true and Reason(R) is correct explanation of the Assertion(A).
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 C. Assertion (A) is true but Reason (R) is false.
 D. Assertion (A) is false but Reason (R) is true.
- 20 **Assertion(A):** India's renowned handicraft industry was systematically destroyed due to discriminatory tariff policies of the British Government.
Reason(R): Colonial Government imposed a heavy duty on import of finished goods from Britain.
 A. Both Assertion(A) and Reason(R) are true and Reason(R) is correct explanation of the Assertion(A).
 B.Both Assertion(A) and Reason(R) are true and Reason(R) is not the correct explanation of the Assertion(A).
 C.Assertion (A) is true but Reason (R) is false.
 D.Assertion (A) is false but Reason (R) is true.
- 21 **Assertion(A):**The infrastructure facilities during British rule were highly developed.
Reason (R): The main aim motive behind infrastructural development was to serve various colonial interests.
 A. Both Assertion(A) and Reason(R) are true and Reason(R) is correct explanation of the Assertion(A).
 B.Both Assertion(A) and Reason(R) are true and Reason(R) is not the correct explanation of the Assertion(A).
 C.Assertion (A) is true but Reason (R) is false.
 D.Assertion (A) is false but Reason (R) is true.

22 Assertion (A): During the colonial period, the occupational structure of India showed little sign of change.

Reason (R): There was no significant economic growth recorded during colonial rule. Write the correct answer from the following:

- A. Both A and R are true and R is the correct explanation of A
- B. Both A and R are true but R is NOT the correct explanation of A
- C. A is true but R is false
- D. A is false and R is is true

23 Assertion (A): Parts of the Madras Presidency, Bombay and Bengal witnessed a rise in the dependence of the workforce on the agricultural sector during colonial rule.

Reason (R): These regions commensurate increase in the manufacturing and the services sectors. Write the correct answer from the following:

- A. Both A and R are true and R is the correct explanation of A
- B. Both A and R are true but R is NOT the correct explanation of A
- C. A is true but R is false
- D. A is false and R is is true

24 Assertion (A): Under the colonial regime, basic infrastructure such as railways, ports, water transport, posts and telegraphs did develop.

Reason (R): The real motive behind this development was not to provide basic amenities to the people. Write the correct answer from the following

- A. Both A and R are true and R is the correct explanation of A
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25 (A): Zamindari (Semi Feudal Economy) in the colonial era were also responsible for the misery of the cultivators.

(R): The terms of the revenue settlement system introduced were harsh on the Zamindars.

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- 26 Assertion (A) The year 1921 is described as the year of the Great Divide.
Reason (R) It was from this year, the population started increasing continuously.
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 - Assertion (A) is true but Reason (R) is false.
 - Assertion (A) is false but Reason (R) is true
- 27 Assertion (A): On the eve of independence Indian economy was Stagnant economy.
Reason (R): Largest section of Indian population depended on agricultural sector for sustenance.
Alternatives: (a)Both Assertion (A) and Reason (R) are true and Reason (R) is the correct explanation of Assertion (A).
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- 28 Assertion (A): India became an exporter of primary products and an importer of finished consumer and capital goods produced in Britain.
Reason (R): Restrictive policies of commodity production, trade and tariff pursued by the colonial government adversely affected the structure, composition and volume of India's Foreign Trade
- Alternatives: (a)Both Assertion (A) and Reason (R) are true and Reason (R) is the correct explanation of Assertion (A).
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(c)Assertion (A) is true but Reason (R) is false. (d)Assertion (A) is false but Reason (R) is true
- 29 Assertion (A): Farmers were forced to produce cash crops like cotton or jute instead of conventional crops Like rice and wheat during the British rule.
Reason (R): Agriculture was exploited through Zamindari System under the Colonial rule
Alternatives:
(a)Both Assertion (A) and Reason (R) are true and Reason (R) is the correct explanation of Assertion (A).
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- 30 Assertion (A): The British introduced the railways in India in 1850 and it is considered as one of their most important contributions.
- Reason (R): Along with the development of roads and railways, the colonial dispensation also took measures for developing the inland trade and sea lanes.
- Alternatives: (a). Both Assertion (A) and Reason (R) are true and Reason (R) is the correct explanation of Assertion (A)
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ANSWER

1. (a)	2. (a)	3. (b)	4. (c)	5. (a)	6- (C)	7- (A)	8- (B)	9- (A)	10- (D)
11-A	12-A	13-A	14-A	15-D	16-A	17-A	18-C	19-A	20-C
21-D	22-A	23-A	24-C	25-A	26-B	27-B	28-A	29-B	30-B
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