

Practice and Revision - Last Phase of the Struggle for Independence

Chapter 9: Last Phase of the Struggle for Independence · Topic 2

Key Concept

The Quit India Movement, launched by Gandhi in 1942, demanded an immediate end to British rule with the slogan 'Do or Die.'

This period also saw the emergence of the Indian National Army (INA) under Subhas Chandra Bose, seeking armed liberation with foreign support.

Post-World War II, Britain faced economic exhaustion and growing international pressure to decolonise, weakening its resolve to hold India.

These combined pressures - mass movements, international factors, and economic realities - led to the final negotiations for India's independence.

Quick Revision Notes

- Quit India Movement: launched by Gandhi, 1942.
- Demanded immediate end to British rule.
- Slogan: 'Do or Die.'
- INA emerged under Subhas Chandra Bose.
- Sought armed liberation, foreign support.
- Post-WWII: Britain faced economic exhaustion.
- Also international pressure to decolonise.
- Combined pressures led to final independence talks.

Practice Questions

- 1 Research the Quit India Movement's demands.
- 2 Research Subhas Chandra Bose and the INA.
- 3 Discuss Britain's post-WWII situation.
- 4 Discuss the combined factors leading to independence.
- 5 Draw a timeline of this final phase.
- 6 Explain the significance of 'Do or Die' as a slogan.