

Effects of British Rule

Chapter 3: Effects of British Rule · Topic 1

Key Concept

Economically, British rule led to deindustrialisation of traditional Indian industries while extracting raw materials for British factories.

Socially, British rule disrupted traditional social structures, though it also introduced some reforms and Western education.

Politically, the British introduced a centralised administrative system, courts, and railways, though primarily to serve colonial interests.

Despite exploitative aspects, some British-introduced systems, like railways and administrative structures, had lasting unintended effects on India.

Quick Revision Notes

- Economic effect: deindustrialisation of Indian industries.
- British extracted raw materials for their factories.
- Social effect: disrupted traditional structures.
- Also introduced reforms, Western education.
- Political effect: centralised administration, courts.
- Also introduced railways.
- These served colonial interests primarily.
- Some systems had lasting unintended effects.

Practice Questions

- 1 Discuss the economic effects of British rule.
- 2 Discuss the social effects of British rule.
- 3 Research the introduction of railways in India.
- 4 Discuss why British administration served colonial interests.
- 5 Discuss an unintended lasting effect of British rule.
- 6 Explain deindustrialisation in your own words.