

Impact of British Rule on India

Chapter 7: Impact of British Rule on India · Topic 1

Key Concept

Economically, British rule often prioritised British interests, exporting raw materials from India and importing British manufactured goods, harming local industries.

The British introduced infrastructure like railways and telegraphs, though primarily designed to serve British administrative and economic interests.

Socially, British rule brought Western education and legal systems, influencing Indian society, though colonial rule was accompanied by de systemic economic exploitation.

Overall, British rule left a complex legacy of infrastructure and administrative systems, alongside decades of economic exploitation and social disruption.

Quick Revision Notes

- British rule prioritised British economic interests.
- Raw materials were exported; manufactured goods imported.
- This harmed local Indian industries.
- The British introduced railways and telegraphs.
- This infrastructure served British interests primarily.
- British rule introduced Western education and legal systems.
- Colonial rule involved systemic economic exploitation.
- British rule left a complex, mixed legacy.

Practice Questions

- 1 Discuss an economic impact of British rule.
- 2 Discuss a social impact of British rule.
- 3 Research the purpose of British-built railways.
- 4 Explain how colonial trade harmed local industries.
- 5 Discuss the introduction of Western education.
- 6 Debate the mixed legacy of British rule.