



CBSE • CLASS 10 • SOCIAL SCIENCE

HISTORY

CHAPTER 03

The Making of a Global World



NCERT SOLUTIONS

EARLY GLOBAL EXCHANGES

Write in brief 1

Question: Give two examples of different types of global exchanges which took place before the seventeenth century, choosing one example from Asia and one from the Americas.

Asia

- Asia — trade and cultural exchange: the silk routes connected Asia with Europe and northern Africa.
- Chinese silk and pottery, and Indian and Southeast Asian textiles and spices, travelled west. Gold and silver moved towards Asia.
- Buddhism also spread from eastern India through these connected routes.

Americas

- The Americas — exchange of food crops: after contact with the Americas, crops such as potatoes, maize, tomatoes and chillies reached Europe and Asia.
- These foods were unknown in many places before this contact. Potatoes helped improve the diet of Europe's poor.
- The examples show that global connections carried goods, ideas and food crops long before modern globalisation.

DISEASE AND COLONISATION

Write in brief 2

Question: Explain how the global transfer of disease in the pre-modern world helped in the colonisation of the Americas.

Answer:

- The native peoples of the Americas had lived largely isolated from the rest of the world.
- They had no immunity to diseases such as smallpox that Europeans carried to the Americas.
- Smallpox caused widespread deaths and destroyed many communities.
- Disease often reached areas before European armies arrived.
- The loss of people weakened communities and reduced their ability to resist conquest.
- Spanish and Portuguese conquerors gained control over much of the Americas in the mid-sixteenth century.
- Thus, conquest was not achieved by military weapons alone. Disease also helped Europeans establish colonial rule.

ABOLITION OF THE CORN LAWS

Exercise reference: Write in brief 3(a)

Question: Write a note to explain the effects of the following: The British government's decision to abolish the Corn Laws.

Answer:

- The Corn Laws restricted the import of corn into Britain. Here, corn means food grains.
 - After these laws were abolished, cheaper grain could be imported.
 - British farmers could not compete with the low-priced imports. Land went out of cultivation and rural unemployment grew.
 - Many people moved to cities or migrated overseas to find work.
- Cheaper food and rising incomes increased Britain's demand for food.
 - Countries in eastern Europe, Russia, America and Australia expanded farming to supply Britain.
 - Land was cleared, railways and ports were built, and labour and capital moved to these farming areas.
 - The change therefore connected food production, trade, investment and migration across countries.

RINDERPEST AND AFRICAN LIVELIHOODS

Write in brief 3(b)

Question: Write a note to explain the effects of the following: The coming of rinderpest to Africa.

Answer:

- Rinderpest was a cattle disease that reached Africa in the late 1880s.
 - It killed about 90 per cent of the cattle.
 - Cattle provided food and supported African livelihoods. Their loss destroyed people's means of living.
 - People who had earlier resisted wage work became much more vulnerable.
- Plantation owners, mine owners and colonial governments controlled the few remaining cattle.
 - They used this control to force Africans into the labour market.
 - The loss of cattle helped colonial rulers bring African workers under their control.
 - Thus, a cattle disease caused a severe economic crisis and strengthened colonial domination.



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