



CBSE • CLASS 10 • SOCIAL SCIENCE

HISTORY

CHAPTER 04

The Age of Industrialisation



NCERT SOLUTIONS

WOMEN AND THE SPINNING JENNY

Write in brief 1(a)

Explain the following: Women workers in Britain attacked the Spinning Jenny.

Answer:

- Many women earned their living by hand spinning.
- The Spinning Jenny allowed one worker to spin several threads at the same time.
- It speeded up spinning and reduced the demand for hand labour.
- Women feared that the machine would take away their work and income.
- This fear was serious because jobs were already uncertain and unemployment was common.
- Women who depended on hand spinning therefore attacked the new machines.
- The conflict continued for a long time.
- The attacks were a protest against the loss of livelihoods, not simply a dislike of new inventions.

MERCHANTS AND RURAL PRODUCERS

Question: Write in brief 1(b)

Explain the following: In the seventeenth century merchants from towns in Europe began employing peasants and artisans within the villages.

Answer:

- Expanding world trade and the growth of colonies increased the demand for goods.
- Merchants wanted to produce more for international markets.
- In towns, powerful craft and trade guilds controlled production, prices and entry into trades.
- Guild monopolies made it difficult for new merchants to expand business.
- Merchants therefore turned to villages and offered advances to peasants and artisans.
- Poor rural families needed extra income because common lands were being enclosed and their small plots could not support everyone.
- They could produce goods at home while continuing to cultivate their land.
- This system used family labour and linked village producers with merchants and world markets.

THE DECLINE OF SURAT

Write in brief 1(c)

Question: Explain the following: The port of Surat declined by the end of the eighteenth century.

Answer:

- Surat had been an important port in the textile trade controlled by Indian merchants and bankers.
- European trading companies gradually gained power.
- They obtained concessions from local rulers and then monopoly rights over trade.
- This weakened the older trading network of Indian merchants.
- Exports through Surat fell and the credit that financed its trade dried up.
- Local bankers went bankrupt and many old trading houses collapsed.
- At the same time, Bombay and Calcutta grew as new ports controlled by European companies.
- Trade increasingly moved through these new ports in European ships.
- Surat's decline therefore reflected the growing control of colonial companies over Indian trade.

WHY GOMASTHAS WERE APPOINTED

Write in brief 1(d)

Question: Explain the following: The East India Company appointed gomasthas to supervise weavers in India.

Answer:

- The East India Company wanted regular supplies of cotton and silk textiles for export.
- Earlier, Indian weavers could sell to several traders and bargain for better prices.
- After gaining political power, the Company tried to remove this competition.
- It wanted direct control over weavers, supplies, quality and costs.
- It appointed a paid servant called a gomastha to supervise weavers.
- Gomasthas collected the cloth and examined its quality.
- They also enforced the Company's control over weavers who had accepted advances.
- These weavers had to supply the Company and could not sell their cloth to other buyers.
- The appointments helped the Company secure regular supplies while reducing the weavers' freedom.



FREE PREVIEW

[Click here to visit our website](#)

SCHOOL NOTES & NCERT SOLUTIONS

Complete notes and
NCERT solutions are
available on
FirstHope app only.



[Scan or click here](#)

Click here to get the app



Available on Google Play

JOIN THE FIRSTHOPE COMMUNITY

Join our Telegram channel

Click here to join Telegram



[Scan or click here](#)

@FirstHope_CBSE_Notes

Instagram

@firsthope.school

[Click here to follow >](#)

YouTube channel

@firsthope.school

[Click here to watch >](#)

FirstHope website

firsthope.co.in

[Click here to visit our website >](#)

CBSE / Class 9 / Class 10 / Class 11 / Class 12

Preview notes and NCERT solutions. Full PDFs in the FirstHope app.