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Second Semester FYUGP Degree (Reg/Sup/Imp) Examination April 2026

KU2DSCHIS108 - ECONOMIC HISTORY OF MODERN INDIA [1858 TO 1947]

2024 Admission onwards

Time : 2 hours Maximum Marks : 70

Section A

Answer any 6 questions. Each carry 3 marks.

1. What does institutionalization of agriculture mean?
2. How did the British introduce cash crops in India?
3. Which industries saw significant growth in India between 1858 and 1947?
4. What was the impact of the development of telegraphs in India during the British period?
5. What were the key technologies introduced in India during British colonial rule?
6. What is free trade?
7. What were the main purposes of building railways in India under British rule?
8. Write a note on Dadabhai Naoroji?

Section B

Answer any 4 questions. Each carry 6 marks.

9. What were the main phases of industrialization in India during the period 1858-1947, and what characterized each phase?
10. What were the main challenges faced by the industrial working class in India during the colonial period, and how did they respond to these challenges?
11. How did the development of technologies, such as railways and telegraphs, impact the Indian economy during the British period?
12. What were the main challenges faced by the Indian Agricultural Research Institute(IARI) in its early years?
13. What were the main components of the Drain Theory, and how did they relate to the economic relationship between India and Britain during the colonial period?

14. What was the main argument of Dadabai Naoroji's "Drain Theory", and how did he relate it to the economic exploitation of India by the British?

Section C

Answer any 2 questions. Each carry 14 marks.

15. Analyze the impact of the Government of India Act of 1858 and the changes in the economy, including the emergence of finance capitalism, on the Indian society and economy.
16. Explain the significance of the unity of currency, weights, and measures in India during the British colonial period. How did the emergence of finance capitalism affect the Indian economy?
17. Discuss the role of institutionalisation of agriculture in India during the colonial period, including the contributions and limitations of institutions like the Indian Agricultural Research Institute.