

National Institute of Open Schooling
Secondary- Economics (214)
Lesson 19: Overview of Indian Economy
Worksheet- 19

1. "Indian economy experienced a gradual decline in the production of handicrafts during British rule at the time of independence." Explain the reason behind this statement.
2. The frequent occurrence of famines and shortage of food hampered the productivity of Indian economy during British rule. How?
3. Zamindari system was an instrument in the hands of British government to generate revenue from agricultural land. Elaborate the statement with focus on the process of generating income.
4. The Indian farmers were forced to produce cash crops by the British Government due to Industrial Revolution in Britain. Why?
5. In spite of exploiting our resources the British government took initiative towards the process of industrialisation in India. Give a brief description of industrial development in our country during British rule.
6. At the time of independence economic planning was the only way to utilise the available resources for economic development of our country. In the light of the statement, explain the process of economic development after independence.
7. In spite of many government initiatives to develop the economy by the government, but there has been no remarkable achievement in terms of economic growth."

In the light of the above statement, list out various features of economy post British rule in India.

8. "The per capita income of India is still low in comparison with other developing countries even after so many years since independence." Suggest some of the measures to overcome this problem.
9. "The high population growth is a major obstacle in the path of economic development as it gives rise to other economic problems like poverty, unemployment and low per capita income." Discuss.
10. Prepare a list of all twelve five year plan period (1951-2017) along with it's objective.