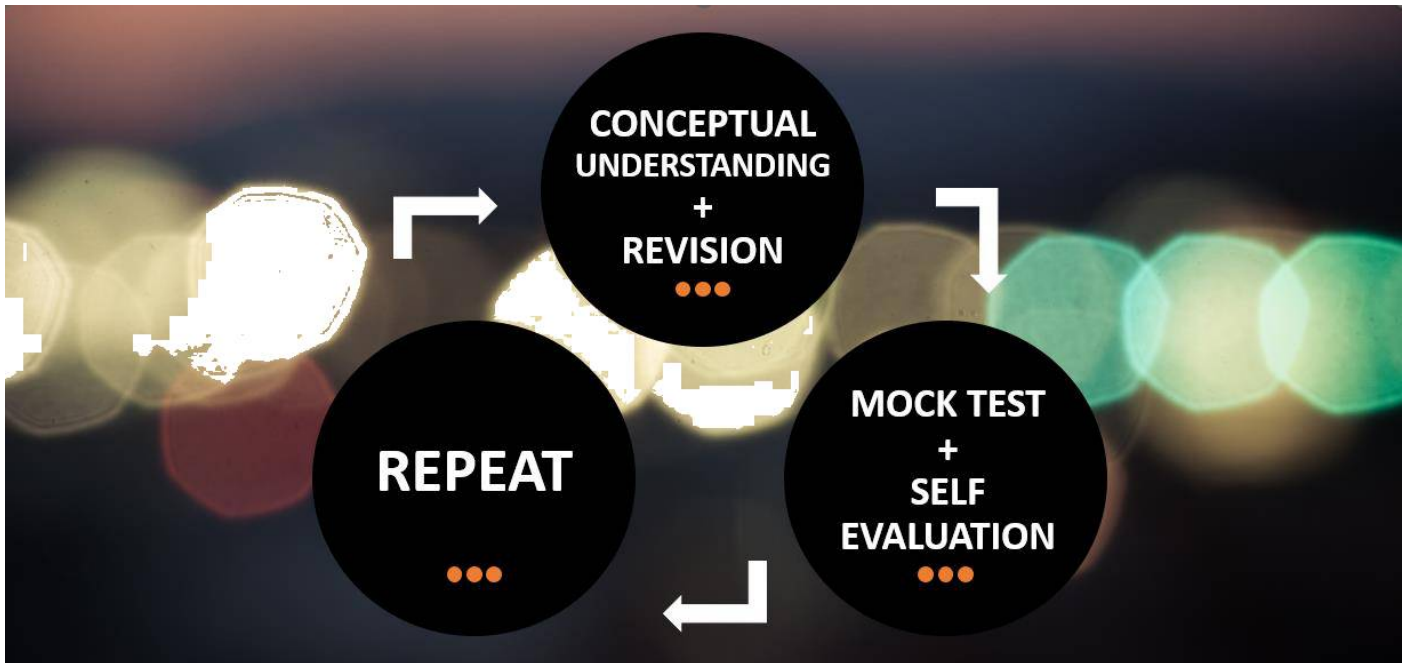


JAIIB IE & IFS Module A (Unit 1- An Overview of Indian Economy)

INDIAN ECONOMY & INDIAN FINANCIAL SYSTEM



Evolution Of Indian Economy

According to the World Bank, India's GDP has grown significantly over the years.

- 1000 AD: India was one of the world's largest economies.
- 1600 AD: India's GDP was 29% of the world's total GDP.
- 23% - India's GDP as a share of the world output.
- A century ago, India's GDP was 23% of the world output.

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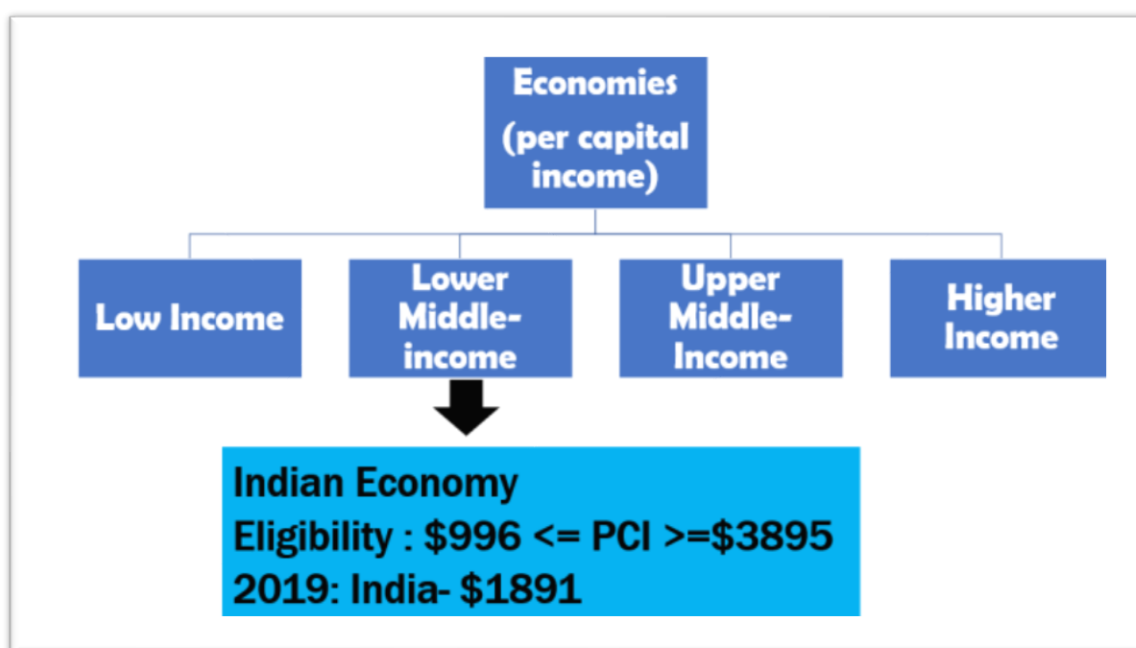


In terms of GDP purchasing power parity (PPP), India is ranked **3rd** in the world only after USA and China.

Today, **India** is one of the **world's fastest growing** major economies.

Basic Characteristics of Indian Economy

World Bank classifies economies considering per capita income.



In terms of PCI, India ranked very low.

- The low per capita income is mainly attributed to high levels of
 - poverty
 - unemployment
 - illiteracy

A number of factors influence the nature and characteristics of the Indian economy.

Some of these factors include:

- (i) low per capita real income,
- (ii) rapid population growth,
- (iii) a high rate of unemployment, underemployment, and disguised unemployment,
- (iv) excessive reliance on the primary sector,
- (v) a vicious circle of poverty, and
- (vi) rising unemployment.

Indian Economy In British Period

- During British colonialism, India's commerce, trade, and investment were hampered by the unilateral transfer of capital and raw materials to Britain.
- Under British rule, India remained a low-quality labour market.
- According to statistics, less than 1/6 of Indians were only literate.
- 1867-68 : Dadabhai Naoroji published the first estimates of national income in India in his book "Poverty and Un-British Rule in India"

According to Dadabhai Nairoji:

- British India's national income was Rs. 340 crore
- Per capita income was Rs. 20 per annum at current prices

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British Era

Early- British
Period
1600-1757

1757-1857 AD

British crown
1858-onward

Britishers Introduced:

- Zamindari,
- Mahalwari &
- Ryotwari system – to take excessive land tax from farmers.
- Commercialisation created a new class of intermediaries, increased the frequency of famines, & reduced farmers to landless labour.
- Private remittance: From 1858 to 1947, the colonial government's official transfers of monies to the United Kingdom

Comparative Macroeconomic Performance

Comparative Macroeconomic Performance of India and Britain, 1600–1947		
Per Capita GDP (1990 int. Dollars)		
India	550	618
United Kingdom	974	6,361
Population		
India	13.5 crore	41.4 crore*
United Kingdom	61.7 lakhs	4.95 crore
GDP (Million 1990 int. Dollars)		
India	74,250	255,852
United Kingdom	6,007	314,969
Source: Tabulated by author from Maddison, A. (2001). The world economy: A millennial perspective. Development Centre Studies, OECD. Paris; *: Including Pakistan		

- India's per capita GDP was only 1/11th of Britain for the same period.
- India's total GDP was only 1/52nd of Britain's as 52 times.

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Hindu
Growth Rate

- **THE TERM REFERS TO: SLOW RATE OF GROWTH**

- India's planned economy's low annual growth rate - around 3.5% from the 1950s to the 1980.
- **During the 6th five-year plan (1980–1985) India could break the curse of the 'Hindu Rate of Growth'.**

Q1. World Bank classifies economies considering per capita income. There are 4 categories namely - Low Income; Lower Middle-Income; Upper Middle-Income and Higher Income. Indian economy falls under the category of ____.

- (a) Low Income
- (b) Lower Middle-Income
- (c) Upper Middle-Income
- (d) Higher Income

Ans.(b)

Q2. The low per capita income is mainly attributed to high levels of ____.

- (a) poverty,
- (b) poverty,
- (c) poverty,
- (d) poverty,

Ans.(a)

Q3. As per the 2011 Census, India's share in the world's population is ____ AD.

- (a) 5 per cent
- (b) 10 per cent
- (c) 23 per cent
- (d) 30 per cent

Ans.(c)

Q4. India achieved a growth rate of ____ percent in 1947.

- (a) 23, 3
- (b) 33, 5
- (c) 23, 5
- (d) 33, 3

Ans.(d)

Q5. In 1978, Professor Raj Krishna coined the phrase "Hindu rate of growth" to describe the growth of the Indian economy. What does the term refer to?

- (a) High rate of economic growth in India
- (b) Slow rate of economic growth in India
- (c) Rapid industrialization of India
- (d) Growth rate of the Indian agricultural sector

Ans.(b)

Q6. The introduction of the Zamindari, Mahalwari, and Ryotwari systems by the British led to several negative consequences for Indian farmers. Which of the following was one of the major impacts on the agrarian community?

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- (a) Reduction in the frequency of famines
 - (b) Transformation of farmers into wealthy landowners
 - (c) Increased frequency of famines and impoverishment of farmers
 - (d) The establishment of large agricultural co-operatives

Ans.(c)

Q7. In his book Poverty and Un-British Rule in India, Dadabhai Naoroji estimated that India's per capita income was Rs. 20 per annum at current prices. What did this low per capita income reflect about the living conditions of the average Indian during British rule?

- (a) It reflected a relatively high standard of living for the Indian population
- (b) It indicated widespread poverty and economic underdevelopment
- (c) It suggested a high level of industrialization
- (d) It pointed to a high level of agricultural productivity

Ans.(b)

Q8. India's economic growth during the British period was characterized by its unique features. Which of the following best describes some of the key characteristics of India's economic growth during this period?

- (a) Low per capita income, slow growth, and dependence on the secondary sector
- (b) High per capita income, rapid growth, and dependence on the primary sector
- (c) Low per capita income, rapid population growth, and dependence on the primary sector
- (d) High per capita income, slow growth, and dependence on the secondary sector

Ans.(c)

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