

## Mains Previous Year Questions (Subject Wise)

### Modern History

#### 2019

1. Assess the role of British imperial power in complicating the process of transfer of power during the 1940s.
2. The 1857 Uprising was the culmination of the recurrent big and small local rebellions that had occurred in the preceding hundred years of British rule. Elucidate.
3. Examine the linkages between the nineteenth century's 'Indian Renaissance' and the emergence of national identity
4. Many voices had strengthened and enriched the nationalist movement during the Gandhian phase. Elaborate

#### 2018

5. Why indentured labour was taken by British from India to other colonies? Have they been able to preserve their cultural identity over there?
6. Throw light on the significance of thoughts of Mahatma Gandhi in the present times.

#### 2017

7. Highlight the importance of new objective that got added to the vision of Indian independence since the twenties of the last century.
8. The women's questions arose in modern India as a part of the 19th century social reform movement. What were the major issues and debates concerning women in that period?
9. Clarify how mid-eighteenth century India was beset with the spectre of a fragmented polity?
10. Why did the 'Moderates' fail to carry conviction with the nation about their proclaimed ideology and political goals by the end of the nineteenth century?
11. Examine how the decline of traditional artisanal industry in colonial India crippled the rural economy.

## 2016

12. Highlight the difference in the approach of Subhash Chandra Bose and Mahatma Gandhi in the struggle for freedom.
13. Explain how the uprising of 1857 constitutes an important watershed in the evolution of British policies towards colonial India.
14. Discuss the role of women in the freedom struggle especially during the Gandhian phase.

## 2015

15. It would have been difficult for the Constituent Assembly to complete its historic task of drafting the Constitution for Independent India in just three years but for the experience gained with the Government of India Act, 1935. Discuss.
16. How different would have been the achievement of Indian independence without Mahatma Gandhi? Discuss.
17. Mahatma Gandhi and Dr. B. R. Ambedkar, despite having divergent approaches and strategies, had a common goal of amelioration of the downtrodden. Elucidate.

## 2014

18. In what ways did the naval mutiny prove to be the last nail in the coffin of British colonial aspirations in India?
19. What were the major political, economic and social developments in the world which motivated the anti-colonial struggle in India?
20. The third battle of Panipat was fought in 1761. Why were so many empire-shaking battles fought at Panipat?
21. Examine critically the various facets of economic policies of the British in India from mid-eighteenth century till independence.

## 2013

22. "In many ways, Lord Dalhousie was the founder of modern India." Elaborate.
23. Critically discuss the objectives of Bhoodan and Gramdan Movements initiated by Acharya Vinoba Bhave and their success.
24. Defying the barriers of age, gender and religion, the Indian women became the torch-bearer during the struggle for freedom in India. Discuss.
25. Several foreigners made India their homeland and participated in various movements. Analyze their role in the Indian struggle for freedom.