

## 50 GK Questions With Answers : Advent of Europeans and Consolidation of British Power in India - Modern History GK- Part -1

1. **Which European power was the first to arrive in India for trade?**
  - a) Dutch
  - b) Portuguese**
  - c) English
  - d) French
2. **Who led the first Portuguese expedition to India in 1498?**
  - a) Albuquerque
  - b) Vasco da Gama**
  - c) Francisco de Almeida
  - d) Cabral
3. **The Portuguese established their first factory in India at which location?**
  - a) Surat
  - b) Calicut**
  - c) Goa
  - d) Cochin
4. **Which Portuguese governor captured Goa from the Bijapur Sultan in 1510?**
  - a) Vasco da Gama
  - b) Albuquerque**
  - c) Cabral
  - d) Almeida
5. **The Dutch East India Company was established in which year?**
  - a) 1602**
  - b) 1600
  - c) 1664
  - d) 1616
6. **The first Dutch factory in India was set up at:**
  - a) Pulicat
  - b) Masulipatnam**
  - c) Surat
  - d) Nagapattinam
7. **The English East India Company received its charter from Queen Elizabeth I in:**
  - a) 1602
  - b) 1600**
  - c) 1616
  - d) 1664
8. **The first English factory in India was established at Surat in:**
  - a) 1600
  - b) 1613**
  - c) 1608
  - d) 1633
9. **Sir Thomas Roe obtained permission for English trade from which Mughal emperor?**
  - a) Jahangir**
  - b) Akbar
  - c) Shah Jahan
  - d) Aurangzeb

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10. **The French East India Company was founded in:**
  - a) 1600
  - b) 1664**
  - c) 1602
  - d) 1616
11. **The first French factory in India was established at Surat in:**
  - a) 1664
  - b) 1668**
  - c) 1674
  - d) 1690
12. **Pondicherry became the chief French settlement in India under the governorship of:**
  - a) Dupleix
  - b) Francois Martin**
  - c) La Bourdonnais
  - d) Colbert
13. **The Danes established their factory at Tranquebar in:**
  - a) 1602
  - b) 1620**
  - c) 1616
  - d) 1664
14. **The primary cause of Anglo-French rivalry in India was:**
  - a) Religious differences
  - b) Commercial competition**
  - c) Territorial disputes
  - d) Cultural conflicts
15. **The First Carnatic War (1746–48) was triggered by:**
  - a) Battle of Plassey
  - b) Anglo-French War in Europe**
  - c) Succession in Hyderabad
  - d) Mysore invasion
16. **Who was the French governor during the Second and Third Carnatic Wars?**
  - a) Dupleix**
  - b) La Bourdonnais
  - c) Francois Martin
  - d) Comte de Lally
17. **The Third Carnatic War ended with the Treaty of:**
  - a) Aix-la-Chapelle
  - b) Paris (1763)**
  - c) Pondicherry
  - d) Wandiwash
18. **Robert Clive introduced the Dual System of administration in:**
  - a) Madras
  - b) Bengal**
  - c) Bombay
  - d) Hyderabad

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19. **The Battle of Plassey (1757) was fought between the English and:**  
a) Mir Qasim  
**b) Siraj-ud-Daula**  
c) Haidar Ali  
d) Shah Alam II
20. **Mir Jafar was installed as Nawab of Bengal after:**  
a) Battle of Buxar  
**b) Battle of Plassey**  
c) Treaty of Allahabad  
d) Carnatic War
21. **The Battle of Buxar (1764) involved the English against a coalition of:**  
a) Mysore and Marathas  
**b) Mir Qasim, Shah Alam II, and Shuja-ud-Daula**  
c) French and Dutch  
d) Portuguese and Danes
22. **The Treaty of Allahabad (1765) granted Diwani rights to the English in:**  
a) Madras and Bombay  
**b) Bengal, Bihar, and Orissa**  
c) Punjab and Sindh  
d) Mysore and Hyderabad
23. **Warren Hastings became the first Governor-General of India under:**  
a) Pitt's India Act  
**b) Regulating Act of 1773**  
c) Charter Act of 1793  
d) Act of 1858
24. **The First Anglo-Mysore War (1767–69) ended with the Treaty of:**  
a) Salbai  
**b) Madras**  
c) Seringapatam  
d) Mangalore
25. **Haidar Ali allied with the French against the English in the:**  
a) First Mysore War  
**b) Second Mysore War**  
c) Third Mysore War  
d) Fourth Mysore War
26. **Tipu Sultan was defeated and killed in the:**  
a) Second Mysore War  
**b) Fourth Mysore War**  
c) Battle of Plassey  
d) Third Maratha War
27. **The Treaty of Seringapatam (1792) was signed after the:**  
a) First Mysore War  
**b) Third Mysore War**  
c) Second Maratha War  
d) Battle of Buxar

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28. **The First Anglo-Maratha War (1775–82) ended with the Treaty of:**  
a) Salbai  
**b) Bassin**  
c) Deogaon  
d) Surji-Arjungaon
29. **The Second Anglo-Maratha War (1803–05) was fought during the governorship of:**  
a) Warren Hastings  
**b) Lord Wellesley**  
c) Lord Cornwallis  
d) Lord Dalhousie
30. **The Treaty of Bassin (1802) was signed with:**  
a) Mysore  
**b) Peshwa Baji Rao II**  
c) Sindhia  
d) Holkar
31. **Lord Wellesley introduced the policy of:**  
a) Doctrine of Lapse  
**b) Subsidiary Alliance**  
c) Dual System  
d) Permanent Settlement
32. **The first state to accept Subsidiary Alliance was:**  
a) Awadh  
**b) Hyderabad**  
c) Mysore  
d) Maratha
33. **Lord Cornwallis introduced the Permanent Settlement in Bengal in:**  
a) 1773  
**b) 1793**  
c) 1802  
d) 1853
34. **The Third Anglo-Maratha War (1817–18) led to the annexation of:**  
a) Bengal  
**b) Peshwa's territories**  
c) Mysore  
d) Punjab
35. **Lord Hastings (1813–23) annexed which state through conquest?**  
a) Awadh  
**b) Central India (Pindari War)**  
c) Mysore  
d) Hyderabad
36. **The Pindari War (1817–18) was fought against:**  
a) Maratha bandits  
**b) Pindari freebooters**  
c) Mysore rulers  
d) Sikh forces

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37. **Lord William Bentinck abolished Sati in:**  
a) 1793  
**b) 1829**  
c) 1853  
d) 1858
38. **The Charter Act of 1833 made the Governor-General of Bengal the Governor-General of:**  
a) Madras  
**b) India**  
c) Bombay  
d) Punjab
39. **Lord Dalhousie annexed Punjab in:**  
a) 1849  
**b) 1849**  
c) 1856  
d) 1818
40. **The Doctrine of Lapse was introduced by:**  
a) Lord Wellesley  
**b) Lord Dalhousie**  
c) Warren Hastings  
d) Lord Cornwallis
41. **Under Doctrine of Lapse, which state was annexed first?**  
a) Awadh  
**b) Satara**  
c) Jhansi  
d) Nagpur
42. **Awadh was annexed by Lord Dalhousie in:**  
a) 1849  
**b) 1856**  
c) 1853  
d) 1818
43. **The Second Anglo-Sikh War (1848–49) led to the annexation of:**  
a) Sindh  
**b) Punjab**  
c) Mysore  
d) Maratha territories
44. **Sindh was annexed by the British in:**  
a) 1843  
**b) 1843**  
c) 1849  
d) 1856
45. **Lord Dalhousie introduced the first railways in India in:**  
a) 1833  
**b) 1853**  
c) 1849  
d) 1856

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46. **The Electric Telegraph was introduced in India by:**  
a) Lord Wellesley  
**b) Lord Dalhousie**  
c) Warren Hastings  
d) Lord Cornwallis
47. **The British consolidation in India was completed by annexing:**  
a) Bengal  
**b) Lower Burma (1852)**  
c) Mysore  
d) Hyderabad
48. **The British policy as one of:**  
a) Non-intervention  
**b) Ring Fence and Imperialism**  
c) Isolationism  
d) Free trade only
49. **The British used which tactic to expand their position in India?**  
a) Direct democracy  
**b) Divide and rule**  
c) Cultural assimilation  
d) Economic aid
50. **By 1856, the British controlled most of India except:**  
a) Bengal  
**b) Some princely states like Hyderabad**  
c) Madras  
d) Bombay

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### Answer Key

1. **b) Portuguese**
2. **b) Vasco da Gama**
3. **b) Calicut**
4. **b) Albuquerque**
5. **a) 1602**
6. **b) Masulipatnam**
7. **b) 1600**
8. **b) 1613**
9. **a) Jahangir**
10. **b) 1664**
11. **b) 1668**
12. **b) Francois Martin**
13. **b) 1620**
14. **b) Commercial competition**
15. **b) Anglo-French War in Europe**

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17. b) Paris (1763)
18. b) Bengal
19. b) Siraj-ud-Daula
20. b) Battle of Plassey
21. b) Mir Qasim, Shah Alam II, and Shuja-ud-Daula
22. b) Bengal, Bihar, and Orissa
23. b) Regulating Act of 1773
24. b) Madras
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28. a) Salbai
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50. b) Some princely states like Hyderabad