

# The Making of a Global World

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## Assertion & Reason Type Questions

In the following questions given below, there are two statements marked as Assertion (A) and Reason (R). Read the statements and choose the correct option:

- a. Both Assertion (A) and Reason (R) are true and Reason (R) is the correct explanation of Assertion (A).
- b. Both Assertion (A) and Reason (R) are true, but Reason (R) is not the correct explanation of Assertion (A).
- c. Assertion (A) is true, but Reason (R) is false.
- d. Assertion (A) is false, but Reason (R) is true.

**Q 1. Assertion (A):** The Silk Routes are a good example of pre-modern trade and cultural links between distant parts of the world.

**Reason (R):** The name 'Silk Routes' points to the importance of West-bound Chinese silk cargoes along this route.

**Answer : A**

**Q 2. Assertion (A):** The First World War was a war like no other before.

**Reason (R):** The First World War was mainly fought in Europe.

**Answer : D**

**Q 3. Assertion (A):** During the war, industries were restructured to produce war-related goods.

**Reason (R):** Societies were also restructured and women stepped in to undertake jobs that men used to do.

**Answer : B**

**Q 4. Assertion (A):** The Great Depression affected the Indian economy also.

**Reason (R):** It was due to the integration of world into one global economy.

**Answer : A**

**Q 5. Assertion (A):** Food offers many examples of long distance cultural exchange.

**Reason (R):** Ready food stuffs in distant parts of the world might share common origins.

**Answer : A**

**Q 6. Assertion (A):** The 19th century indenture system was referred to as the 'new system of slavery.

**Reason (R):** The indentured labourers lived in harsh working conditions and had few legal rights.

**Answer : A**

**Q 7. Assertion (A):** The Multinational Companies (MNCs) choose China as an alternative location for investment.

**Reason (R):** The relocation of industry to high-wage countries stimulated world trade and capital flow.

**Answer : C**

**Q8. Assertion (A) :** There was a collapse of the system of fixed exchange rates and the introduction of a system of floating exchange rates.

**Reason (R) :** From the 1960s, the rising costs of its overseas involvements weakened the US's finances and competitive strength. It could not command confidence as the world's principal currency.

**Q9. Assertion (A) :** The Portuguese and Spanish conquest and colonisation of Antarctica was decisively under way by the mid-sixteenth century.

**Reason (R) :** The most powerful weapon of the Spanish conquerors was the germs such as those of Swine flu that they carried on their person.

**Q10. Assertion (A) :** The railways, steamships, the telegraph were important inventions which transformed the nineteenth-century world.

**Reason (R) :** Colonisation stimulated new investments and improvements in transport.

**Q11. Assertion (A) :** 'Chutney music', popular in Trinidad and Guyana, is another creative contemporary expression of the post-indenture experience.

**Reason (R) :** Some of the Naipaul's early novels capture their sense of loss and alienation.



**Q12. Assertion (A) :** Over the nineteenth century, British manufacturers flooded the Indian market.

**Reason (R) :** The value of Indian exports to Britain was much higher than the value of British imports to India.

**Q13. Assertion (A) :** The First World War involved the world's leading industrial nations which harnessed the vast powers of modern industry to inflict the greatest possible destruction of enemies.

**Reason (R) :** It was the first modern industrial war, which saw the use of robots and satellites on a massive scale.

**Q14. Assertion (A) :** When the supply of wheat was disrupted during the First World War, wheat production in Canada, America and Australia expanded dramatically.

**Reason (R) :** Before the First World War, Asia was a major supplier of wheat in the world market.

**Q15. Assertion (A) :** During the Great Depression, agricultural regions and communities were worst affected.

**Reason (R) :** The fall in agricultural prices was greater and more prolonged than that in the prices of industrial goods.

## ANSWER KEY 8 to 15

**Q8 :** (a) The reason explains why the system of fixed exchange rates collapsed, and is true.

**Q9 :** (d) The Portuguese and Spanish conquest and colonisation of America was decisively under way by the mid- sixteenth century. The most powerful weapon of the Spanish conquerors was not a conventional military weapon but they carried germs of small pox on themselves. Thus, both the assertion and reason are false.

**Q10 :** (a) Technological advances were often the result of larger, social, political and economic factors, like colonization. Thus reason is the correct explanation of the assertion.



**Q11 :** (b) The reason and assertion do not match each other.

**Q12 :** (c) The value of British exports to India was much higher than the value of British imports from India. Therefore, Assertion is true but reason is false.

**Q13 :** (c) It was the first modern industrial war, which saw the use of machine guns, tanks, aircraft, chemical weapons, etc, on a massive scale. Therefore, the assertion is true but reason is false.

**Q14 :** (c) Before the First World War, eastern Europe was a major supplier of wheat in the world market. Thus the reason is false.

**Q15 :** (a) The reason explains the assertion.