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The Industrial Revolution

Explain the causes and effects of industrialisation

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From the mid-1700s, Britain changed from a mostly farming society into an industrial one. New machines such as the spinning jenny and the power loom made cloth much faster than people could by hand. James Watt's improved steam engine provided power for factories, mines, trains and ships.

Millions of people moved from the countryside to rapidly growing cities like Manchester to work in factories. Conditions were often terrible. Shifts could last 12 to 14 hours, machines had no safety guards, and children as young as five worked in mills and mines.

Cities were overcrowded and polluted. Families crammed into small houses with no clean water, and diseases such as cholera spread quickly.

Over time, reformers pushed for change. Factory Acts limited working hours for children, trade unions formed, and governments began to build sewers and supply clean water.

Choose the best answer.

1. Where did the Industrial Revolution begin?
   (a) China (b) Britain (c) Australia
2. What powered many factories?
   (a) steam engines (b) electricity (c) solar power
3. Why did cities grow so quickly?
   (a) the government ordered it (b) people moved to find factory work (c) farms paid more
4. Cholera spread because of...
   (a) contaminated water (b) cold weather (c) factory noise
5. The Factory Acts were laws that...
   (a) built factories (b) banned trains (c) limited children's working hours

Write your answer.

6. Give one positive and one negative effect of the Industrial Revolution.

7. How did the Industrial Revolution affect Australia?

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8. Write a short diary entry (4–5 sentences) as a child working in a cotton mill in 1830.

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Choose the best answer.

1. b) Britain
2. a) steam engines
3. b) people moved to find factory work
4. a) contaminated water
5. c) limited children's working hours

Write your answer.

6. Positive: cheaper goods and faster transport. Negative: dangerous working conditions, child labour and pollution.
7. Britain needed raw materials like wool; transportation of convicts and migration increased; railways and factories later developed here.
8. Answers will vary. Example: I woke before dawn and walked to the mill in the dark. My job is to crawl under the machines and gather loose cotton. The noise is so loud my ears ring all night. Today the overseer hit Tom for falling asleep. I wish I could go to school.

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