* The **Mughal Empire** was a Muslim empire that ruled over the Indian Subcontinent. It was the largest empire in India at the time, land-wise.
* They were established in the sub-continent in the 16th century.
* Babur was the first Mughal emperor.
* **EAST INDIA COMPANY (EIC**)—It was a trading company led by the British that arrived in India in 1608 to trade in spices and establish its ports.
* They traded spice and cotton out of India and established their first post in 1612.
* Other European countries (French, Portugues and Dutch) were already trading in India at the time thus, EIC felt threatened by their existence.

**TIMELINE:**

1608 Arrival of British in India

1658 Aurangzeb came in power

1707 Aurangzeb's death

1737 Marathas Invasion

1738 Persian Invasion

1747 Afghans Invasion

1757 Battle of Plassey

1764 Battle of Buxar

1799 Invasion in Mysore

1803 British entered Delhi

1843 Annexation of Sindh

1849 Annexation of Punjab and KPK

1852 Doctrine of Lapse

Q1a) During the 19th century, Indian cotton production was discouraged as the new policy expected the Indians to grow cotton for the cotton factories in Britian. The indian skilled workers were forced to work in the EIC’s factories highlighting that the britishers now controlled the cotton industry in india. The britishers also controlled the cotton production in villages and small indian communities. Lastly, british goods were allowed to entre india free of duty reducing the profits made my indians.