

0447/03 IGCSE India Studies

Research Portfolio Questions for June 2018

Each candidate chooses **one** question for their Research Portfolio.

1. Should India abandon the use of cash except for small transactions?

Look at these two views on the development of a cashless economy in India. Research the issue to decide which view you agree with more and why.

View A: India must become more modern and stop its reliance on cash which is costly and inefficient and stops the government collecting taxes. It should become much more of a cashless economy.

View B: It is not possible for India to become a cashless economy. The way of life of too many people in India makes cash a continuing necessity.

2. How important should the history of India be as part of the school curriculum?

Look at these two views on the importance of studying India's history. Research the role that history should play in education to decide which view you agree with more and why.

View A: We should forget our history and concentrate on India's present and future.

View B: We should all know more about India's past and the way that it has formed the nation.

3. Should there be censorship of the cinema in India?

Look at these two views added to a blog on cinema censorship. Research the issue of censorship in India to decide which view you agree with more and why.

View A: 'Come on people, are you living in ancient Indus Valley Civilization? Does some censor board know us better than our own self? Can we not choose what's going to harm us? Do we need any external agency to check what we watch?'

View B: 'In present movies we see more and more vulgar scenes, nudity and violence. Our culture does not allow these things. These scenes must be censored.'