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Unit 6 EQ 1 :Discuss the combination of social, political, and economic factors that allowed Great Britain to be the first nation to industrialize. Causation

## 1. Introduction

1.1 **Contextualization-** The Industrial Revolution occurred during the second half of the 18<sup>th</sup> century. This was a period in which Europe began to primary sectors of economy and into the secondary sector and tertiary sector in which more goods and services were produced than any other time previously. During this time, the Industrial Revolution experiences many changes in technological inventions, the establishment of cities, factories, and a new urban labor force.

1.2 **Restatement-** The first nation in Europe to industrialize was Great Britain due to the combination of social, political, and economic factors that allowed for it to obtain an edge in comparison to the other Europe superpowers.

1.3 **X-** The social factors that allowed for Great Britain to industrialize was the availability of a strong middle class/liberal nobles that provided daring entrepreneurship to the country and the openness of the social classes to encourage imitating the lifestyles of their social superiors.

1.4 **Y-** The political factors that allowed for Great Britain to industrialize was the government support through a strong navy and the maintenance of public transportation such as railways and merchant ships.

1.5 **Z-** The economic factors that allowed for Great Britain to industrialize was because it was the single largest free-trade area in Europe as well as having large quantities of natural resources.

## 2. Body Paragraph One

2.1 **Topic Sentence-** The social factors that allowed for Great Britain to industrialize was the availability of strong middle class/liberal nobles that provided daring entrepreneurship to the country and the openness of the social classes to encourage imitating the lifestyles of their social superiors.

2.2 **Evidence** – The middle class/ liberal nobles of Britain were willing to make capital investments

2.3 **Analysis-** Because of this the investments that they made led to the capital growing on itself and what was invested earlier was reinvested and paid in addition to profit (Even if they didn't succeed on an investment, they had the funds to pursue a different avenue of interest)

2.3.1 This allowed for Britain to obtain a large economic base which led to them to enter the threshold of a new mode of economic production

2.4 **Evidence-** The social structure of Britain encouraged people to imitate the lifestyles of their social superiors.

**2.5 Analysis-** This allowed for the development of the “consumption revolution” where new fashions were believed to always be better than the old ones, leading to many to spend money to obtain the newest fashion

2.5.1 Because of this, the economy was growing and even servants began to dress in a dissipated lifestyle as well.

2.5.1.1 When all classes began to live lavishly, all modes of industry flourished, such as the brewing industry

### 3. Body Paragraph Two

3.1 **Topic Sentence-** The political factors that allowed for Great Britain to industrialize was the universal taxation law and allowance of many types of people into the government

3.2 **Evidence** - the universal law of taxation regardless of ~~tax~~ class

3.3 **Analysis-** This eased the tensions between all classes in cooperating to innovate and create new inventions, thus spurning their leadership in the IR. (Like the seed drill by Jethro Tull)

3.3.1 Because there was no distinction of taxation, people were heavily taxed, but fairly, thus the population of Britain was okay with this, providing political stability to the nation.

3.4 **Evidence-** Persons of wealth but not of the aristocracy had the ability to exert political influence

3.5 **Analysis-** By allowing more than just the landed nobility to have a presence in Parliament, the concerns of the middle and working class was lowered because they knew they had some type of representation that sympathized with their struggles and interests.

### 4. Body Paragraph Three

4.1- **Topic Sentence** - The economic factors that allowed for Great Britain to industrialize was because it was the single largest free-trade area in Europe as well as having large quantities of natural resources

4.2 **Evidence** – single largest free trade area in Europe, good roads, waterways without internal tolls or other trade barriers

4.3 **Analysis** – Because of this, Britain had the most economic flexibility in trade and allowed people to migrate farther from home and exploit the British land to a higher extent than if the land was treacherous and not made safe for travel.

4.3.1 By being the largest free trade area in Europe, other major nations turned to Britain for a sure way of economic profit and reliability due the economy that Britain boasted in conjunction with the stable political government

4.4 **Evidence-** AMAZING site of location in the situation of things

4.5 **Analysis-** Because Britain was stocked full or iron ore, coal, timber, water, the had all the resources needed to industrialize.

4.5.1 With coal, railroads were sprouting everywhere to transport goods and provide energy,

4.5.2 The large amounts of iron ore was used to make steel and create the large mechanized contraptions used in the IR (seed drill, spinning jenny, water frame, etc.)

## 5. Conclusion

5.1 **Restatement-** Great Britain was the first nation in Europe to industrialize because of the social, political, and economic conditions provided to make it flourish such as a daring middle class, nobility, equal taxation, good site of land, and having many internal waterways, roads and toll free barriers

5.2 **Synthesis-** Similar to the Industrial Revolution, Britain was also the first nation to experience a representative type of government in comparison to the other nations around it. In 1688, Britain experienced the Glorious Revolution where an absolute monarchy became completely abolished and a limited monarchy came to take place. This was many decades before any other nation started to implement a constitutional monarchy.

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