A. General Studies: in collections and general surveys


   a) ‘Judgements on the Late Victorian Entrepreneur’, with Lars Sandberg, pp. 55-72.
   b) ‘Did Victorian Britain Fail?’ pp. 94-135 (& a ‘Debate’ with N.F.R. Crafts and Derek Aldcroft).


   a) Guillaume Daudin, Matthias Morys, Kevin H. O’Rourke, ‘Globalization, 1870 - 1914’, pp. 5-29


B. Some Recent Journal Articles:


QUESTIONS:

1. Did the British industrial economy undergo a slowdown or ‘retardation’ from 1870 to 1914? Or only later, from the 1890s? Or not at all? Were the problems and deficiencies of the British industrial economy in the period 1870 - 1914 essentially internal or external in origin? What responses did British business make to those challenges?

2. In what particular industrial fields did Britain lose her leadership after 1870: how, why, and to whom? In what fields did Britain maintain or acquire world economic leadership in this era, 1870 - 1914? What positive changes occurred in British industry and the business sector, particularly in the field of consumer goods, in this era?

3. Compare industrial ‘entrepreneurship’ in Britain, Germany, and France during this period, 1870 - 1914. What are the yardsticks of success? (See Topic no. 6 [16])

4. What happened to real wages and living standards in Great Britain, 1870 - 1914: are these proper measures of productivity growth?