



HISTORY

Class 9th

Chapter 3: Nazism and the Rise of Hitler



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Exercise

Que 1: Describe the problems faced by the Weimar Republic.

Ans: The Weimar Republic had the following problems.

1. After the defeat in World War I, the Allies imposed a harsh and humiliating treaty on Germany.
2. In this treaty, a fine of six billion pounds was imposed on Germany and a lot of territory and iron and coal mines had to be handed over to France, Denmark and Belgium.
3. The Weimar Republic was held responsible for this humiliation at Versailles.
4. Conservatives mocked the Weimar Republic as the culprit of November.
5. After the First World War, Germany's gold reserves were almost exhausted.
6. The economic situation had reached a very bad state.
7. Inflation had increased so much that to buy bread, they had to carry notes in bullock carts.

Que 2: Discuss why Nazism became popular in Germany in 1930.

Ans: The following were the reasons for the popularity of Nazism in Germany after 1930-

1. During the Great Depression, Nazism had taken the form of a mass movement.
2. After 1929, banks were bankrupt, businesses were shutting down, workers were becoming unemployed and the middle class was facing the fear of helplessness and starvation.
3. Nazi propaganda made people see hope for a better future.
4. Hitler's fiery speeches used to shake people. In his speeches, he assured to restore the lost prestige of the German society.
5. His promise was that he would provide employment to the unemployed and a secure future to the youth.
6. He assured that he would free the country from foreign influence and would give a befitting reply to all foreign 'conspiracies'.

Que 3: What are the peculiarities of Nazi thinking?

Ans: The main aspects of Nazi thinking were the following:

1. All societies did not have equal rights in Nazi ideology. They were considered superior or inferior on racial grounds.
2. They considered the blue-eyed Nordic German Aryans as the superior race and considered the Jews as the lowest race and the staunchest enemies of the Aryans.
3. The idea of the Nazis was that the races that are the most powerful will survive, the weaker races will end.
4. They have to maintain their purity, gain strength and dominate the world.

Que 4: Explain why Nazi propaganda was effective in creating a hatred for the Jews.

Ans: The propaganda of the Nazis was effective in creating hatred against the Jews because of the following reasons:

1. The Nazis used films, radio, photographs, catchy slogans, posters and leaflets to spread hatred against the Jews.
2. In propaganda films, the emphasis was on spreading hatred towards the Jews. 'The Eternal Jew' was one such infamous film.
3. Jews were presented in particular images in propaganda.
4. He was shown wearing a kaftan with a beard.
5. They were addressed with words like earthworm, rat and worm.

Que 5: Explain what role women had in Nazi society. Return to Chapter 1 on the French Revolution. Write a paragraph comparing and contrasting the role of women in the two periods.

Ans: In Nazi society, women were not considered equal to men. Girls were told that their duty was to be a good mother and to give birth to children with pure Aryan blood and to bring them up. They were entrusted with maintaining the purity of the race, staying away from Jews, and inculcating Nazi values in their children. Women who gave birth to unwanted children were punished and mothers who gave birth to desired children were rewarded.

The difference between the role of women in the French Revolution and the Nazi regime-

Women played an important role in the French Revolution. To protect their interests, they started political clubs and brought out newspapers. They demanded voting rights, election to assembly and political posts. While the role of women in the Nazi regime was to give birth to purebred children, nurture them and teach them Nazi values.

Que 6: In what ways did the Nazi state seek to establish total control over its people?

Ans: The Nazis used the following methods to gain complete control over the masses:

1. The Nazis made clever use of the media to garner public support. Due to his vigorous propaganda, Hitler had become the messiah of the people.
2. In 1933, he took over the post of Chancellor of Germany. A few days after taking office, he suspended rights like freedom of expression and press through the Agni Ordinance.
3. The Nazis banned all other parties and trade unions.
4. He established his complete control over the economy, media, army and judiciary.
5. Special controlling and security squads were formed to control the whole society according to the Nazis.