

CLASS:-10TH, REVISION NOTES

1. Describe the condition of Italy before unification.

Answer:

- 1. Condition of Italy in the nineteenth century :**
- 2. Italy had a long history of political fragmentation. Italians were scattered over various dynastic states as well as multinational Habsburg Empire.**
- 3. During the middle of the nineteenth century, Italy was divided into seven states.**
- 4. Out of these states only Sardinia-Piedmont was ruled by an Italian princely house.**
- 5. The north was under Austrian Habsburgs.**
- 6. The center was ruled by the Pope and the southern regions were under the domination of the Bourbon Kings of Spain.**
- 7. There was no common language too.**

2. The unification of Italy was completed in various stages :

- 1. Sardinia-Piedmont defeated Austria in 1859. Modena, Parma and Tuscany were added to Piedmont.**
- 2. Garibaldi succeeded in South Italy and the Kingdom of the Two Sicilies in 1860 and drove out the Spanish rulers.**
- 3. Austria ceded Venetia to Italy in 1866.**
- 4. In 1870, Rome was taken over as the French soldiers were withdrawn. Rome was made the capital of Italy.**