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Class-8th

(Based on N C E R T pattern)

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HISTORY

The National Movement I

Question 1.

Why were people dissatisfied with British rule in the 1870s and 1880s?

Answer:

The dissatisfaction against British rule was intensified in the 1870s and 1880s.

1. The Arms Act was passed in 1878, which disallowed Indians from having arms.
2. Same year the Vernacular Press Act was also enacted to silence the critics of the government.

- The Act allowed the government to confiscate the assets of newspapers including their printing presses if the newspapers published anything “objectionable”.

3. In 1883, there was a furore over the attempt by the government to introduce the Ilbert Bill.

- The bill provided for the trial of British or European persons by Indians, and sought equality between British and Indian judges in the country.

- But the British (white) forced the government to withdraw the bill. Indians burst into anger. This event highlighted the whim of the British against Indians.

Question 2.

Who did the Indian National Congress wish to speak for?

Answer:

The Indian National Congress wished to speak for the entire people belonging to different communities of India.

Question 3.

What economic impact did the First World War have on India?

Answer:

1. World War I altered the economic and political situation in India.
2. Defence expenditure of the Government of India rose manifold. As a consequence taxes on individual incomes and business profits increased several times.
3. Increased military expenditure and demands for war supplies, resulted in a sharp rise in prices, causing great difficulties for the common people.
4. Demand for industrial goods (jute bags, cloth, rails) and a decline of imports from other countries led to the expansion of Indian industry. So, Indian business groups earned a huge profit.

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