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Revision Class-9<sup>th</sup>

(Based on N C E R T pattern)

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History

Nazism and the Rise of Hitler

Question 1.

How was the German economy hit by the Great Depression?

Answer:

(i) The German economy was badly hit by the Great Depression. By 1932, industrial production was reduced to 40 percent of the 1929 level.

(ii) Workers lost their jobs or were paid reduced wages. The number of unemployed grew. Unemployed youths played cards or simply sat at street corners, or desperately queued up at the local employment exchange.

(iii) The economic crisis created deep anxieties and fears in people. Small businessmen, the self-employed and retailers suffered as their business got ruined. These sections of society were reduced to the level of working classes. The large mass of peasantry was equally distressed.

## Question 2.

What do you know about the genocidal war, waged by Germany under the shadow of the Second World War?

Answer:

(i) Germany waged a genocidal war (killing on large scale) under the shadow of the Second World War. It resulted in the mass murder of selected groups of innocent civilians of Europe.

(ii) The numbers of people killed included 6 million Jews, 200,000 Gypsies, 1 million Polish civilians, 70,000 Germans who were considered mentally and physically disabled, besides innumerable political opponents.

(iii) Nazis devised an unprecedented means of killing people, that is, by gassing them in various killing centres like Auschwitz.

## Question 3.

‘The Peace treaty at Versailles with the Allies was a harsh and humiliating peace’. Explain.

Answer:

The terms that Germany was forced to accept after its defeat at the end of the First World War were too harsh and humiliating:

Germany had to lose its overseas colonies, a tenth of its population, 13 percent of its territories, 7 percent of its iron and 26 percent of its coal to France, Poland, Denmark and Lithuania.

The Allied Powers demilitarised Germany to weaken its powers. The war Guilt Clause held Germany responsible for the war and damages the Allied countries suffered.

Germany was made to pay compensation amounting 6 billion. The Allied armies also occupied the resource rich Rhineland for much of the 1920s. Thus, Germany had to face disgrace at Versailles.

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