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HISTORY

SOCIALISM IN EUROPE AND THE RUSSIAN REVOLUTION

Question 1.

Explain the views of different socialists and philosophers regarding the vision of the future or to transform the society.

Answer:

- Robert Owen, a leading English manufacturer and a socialist sought to build a cooperative community called the New Harmony, in Indiana (USA).
- Louis Blanc of France wanted the government to encourage cooperatives and replace the capitalists.
- Karl Marx believed that to free themselves from capitalist exploitation, workers had to construct a radically socialist society, where all the properties were socially controlled.
- Friedrich Engels was also against capitalism.

Question 2.

Explain any three reasons which led to civil war between the Bolsheviks and the Russian army of non-Bolsheviks.

Or

What conditions led to the Russian Civil War in 1918 – 1920? Give any four points.

Answer:

- Impact of Land Redistribution Policy on Soldiers: When the Bolsheviks ordered land redistribution, the Russian army began to break up. Soldiers, mostly peasants, wished to go home for the redistribution and deserted.

- Opposition from Greens and Whites: Non-Bolshevik socialists, liberals and supporters of autocracy condemned the Bolshevik uprising. Their leaders moved to south Russia and organized troops to fight the Bolsheviks (the reds).’ During 1918 and 1919, the greens (Socialist Revolutionaries) and whites (pro-Tsarists) controlled most of the Russian empire.
- Outside Forces: The Greens and Whites were backed by French, American, British and Japanese troops. All these forces were worried at the growth of socialism in Russia.
- Use of Force: In many parts, Bolshevik colonists brutally massacred local nationalists in the name of defending socialism. In this situation, many were confused about what the Bolshevik government represented.

Question 3.

‘A communist society was the natural society of the future.’ Explain.

Or

Explain the views of Karl Marx on capitalism.

Or

Explain the thoughts and beliefs of Karl Marx which convinced the workers to enter into conflict with the capitalists.

Answer:

- Marx was of the opinion that an industrial society was a ‘capitalist’ society.
- Capitalists earn profits because of workers.
- To increase his profits the capitalist uses two methods i.e., either by reducing wages or increasing the working hours.
- Marx believed that to free themselves from the capitalists, workers had to construct a radically socialist society where all the properties were socially controlled

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