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History

Nazism and the Rise of Hitler

Question 1.

How was the Weimar Republic politically fragile?

Answer:

The Weimar Constitution had some inherent defects, which made it unstable and vulnerable to dictatorship.

- One was proportional representation. This made achieving a majority by any one party a near impossible task, leading to a rule by coalitions.
- Another defect was Article 48, which gave the president the powers to impose emergency, suspend civil rights and rule by decree.
- Within its short life, The Weimar Republic saw twenty different cabinets lasting on an average 239 days, and a liberal use of Article 48. Yet the crisis could not be managed.

Question 2.

Which communities were classified as undesirable in Nazi Germany?

Answer:

The following communities were classified as undesirable in Nazi Germany:

- Jews were classified as undesirable.
- Many Gypsies and Blacks living in Nazi Germany were considered as racial 'inferiors' who threatened the biological purity of the 'superior Aryan' race. They were widely persecuted.
- Even Russians and Poles were considered subhuman and hence undeserving of any humanity.

Question 3.

What do you know about the traditional Christian hostility towards Jews? How were they treated till medieval times? What was Hitler's hatred of Jews based on?

Answer:

(i) The traditional Christian hostility towards Jews is well-known. The Jews had been stereotyped as killers of Christ and usurers.

(ii) Until medieval times Jews were barred from owning land. They survived mainly through trade and moneylending. They were made to live in separately marked areas called ghettos. They were often persecuted through periodic organised violence, and expulsion from the land.

(iii) Hitler's hatred of Jews was based on pseudoscientific theories of race, which held that conversion was no solution to the Jewish problem. It could be solved only through their total elimination. It was therefore, Jews remained the worst sufferers in Nazi Germany.

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