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History

Nazism and the Rise of Hitler

Question 1.

What were the two inherent defects in the Weimar Constitution?

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.

'The First World War left a deep imprint on the European society and polity'. Give examples to support the statement.

Answer:

The following examples can be given in support of the above statement.

(i) Soldiers came to be placed above civilians. Politicians and publicists laid great stress on the need for men to be aggressive, strong and masculine.

(ii) The media glorified trench life. The truth, however was that soldiers lived miserable lives in these trenches, trapped with rats feeding on corpse. They faced poisonous gas and enemy shelling, and witnessed their ranks reduce rapidly.

(iii) Aggressive war propaganda and national honour occupied centre stage in the public sphere, while popular support grew for conservative dictatorship that had recently come into being. Democracy could not survive in such circumstances.

Question 3.

Describe what you know about Nazis' art of propaganda.

Answer:

- Nazi ideas were spread through visual images, films, radio, posters, catchy slogans and leaflets.
- Propaganda films were made to create hatred for Jews. The most infamous film was the Eternal Jew in which orthodox Jews were stereotyped and marked.
- They were shown with flowing beards wearing kaftans. They were referred to as vermin, rats and pests. Their movements were compared to those of rodents.
- Orthodox Jews were also stereotyped as killers of Christ and moneylenders. Stereotypes about Jews were even popularised through maths classes. Children were taught to hate Jews.

- Nazi propaganda was so effective that a large section of people began to see the world through Nazi eyes, and speak their mind in Nazi language. They felt hatred and anger surge inside them when they saw someone who looked like a Jew.

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