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History

Russian Revolution

Question 1.

Describe the steps taken by Tsar Nicholas II after the Revolution to maintain his authority.

Answer:

The following steps were taken by Tsar Nicholas II after the Russian Revolution to maintain his authority:

- (a) Under pressure, he allowed the creation of an elected consultative Parliament or Duma.
- (b) Most committees and unions were declared illegal. Severe restrictions were placed on political activity.
- (c) Later he dismissed the first Duma within 75 days and re-elected second Duma within three months.
- (d) The voting laws were changed.
- (e) The third Duma was packed with conservatives and tried to keep liberals and revolutionaries out of the Duma.

Question 2.

What were the conditions in Russia during the First World War?

Answer:

The following were the conditions in Russia during the First World War.

(a) Russia became a part of First World War in 1914. In the beginning, the war was popular. The Tsar refused to consult the main parties in the Duma. This led to weaken the support within Russia. Anti-German sentiments among the Russians were on an increase. St Petersburg, a German name was renamed as Petrograd.

(b) Russia's armies suffered defeats in Germany and Austria between 1914 and 1916. Casualties were very high. Soldiers did not wish to fight such a war. The retreating Russian army destroyed crops and buildings to prevent them from being used by the enemies. This led to millions of refugees in Russia.

(c) The Tsar and the government were further discredited for the situation.

(d) The war also had a severe impact on industry. Russia had few industries and that too were cut off from suppliers of industrial goods by German control of the Baltic Sea. Industrial equipment began to disintegrate, railway lines began to break down.

(e) Able-bodied men were called up to the war that resulted in labour shortages and shut down of small workshops.

(f) Grains were sent to feed the army which led to food shortage in cities. Riots at bread shops were common.

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