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History

Nazism and the Rise of Hitler

Question 1.

What measures did Hitler take to create an exclusive racial community of pure Germans?

Answer:

Hitler took several steps to create an exclusive racial community of pure Germans:

(i) He created an exclusively racial community of pure Germans by physically eliminating all those who were seen as 'undesirable' in the extended empire.

(ii) He wanted only a society of pure and healthy Nordic Aryans'. They alone were considered 'desirable'.

Only they were seen as worthy of prospering and multiplying against all others who were classed as 'undesirable'.

(iii) Jews were not the only community classified as 'undesirable'. Many Gypsies and blacks living in Nazi Germany were considered as racial 'inferiors'. They were widely persecuted.

(iv) Even Russians and Poles were considered subhuman and therefore, understanding of any humanity when Germany occupied Poland and parts of Russia, captured civilians were forced to work as slave labour. (v) Jews remained the worst sufferers in Nazi Germany. From 1933 to 1938 the Nazis terrorised, pauperised and segregated the Jews, compelling them to leave the country. The next phase, 1939-1945, aimed at concentrating them in certain areas and eventually killing them in gas chambers in Poland.

Question 2.

How were Poles treated in Nazi Germany?

Or

What happened to the Polish people once their country was occupied by Hitler?

Answer:

(i) Occupied Poland was divided up. Much of north-western Poland was annexed to Germany.

(ii) Poles were Forced to leave their homes and properties behind to be occupied by ethnic Germans brought in from occupied Europe.Poles were then herded like cattle in the other part called the General Government, the destination of all 'undesirables' of the empire.

(iii) Members of the Polish intelligentsia were murdered in large numbers in order to keep the entire people intellectually and spiritually servile.

(iv) Polish children who looked like Aryans were forcibly snatched from the mothers and examined by 'race experts'. If they passed the race tests they were raised in German families and if not, they were deposited in orphanages where most perished. In this way, Poles were treated very ruthlessly in Nazi Germany. They were considered subhuman and were exploited in various ways. '

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