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HISTORY

Socialism in Europe And The Russian Revolution

Question 1.

Explain any three views of the socialists about private property.

Answer:

Views of socialists about private property are :

- They were against private property.
- They saw it as the root of all social ills.
- Individuals who owned the property were concerned about personal gain only.
- Those who make property productive are ignored by the owners of the property, (any three)

Question 2.

Mention any four features of the Russian society of the 20th century.

Answer:

1. The vast majority of Russia's people were agriculturists. About 85 per cent of the Russian empire's population earned their living from agriculture.
2. Workers were a divided social group. Some had strong links with the villages from which they came. Others had settled in cities permanently.
3. Women made up 31 per cent of the factory labour force by 1914, but they were paid less than men (between half and three-quarters of a man's wage).

4. In the countryside, peasants cultivated most of the land. But the nobility, the crown and the Orthodox Church owned large properties. Nobles got their power and position through their services to the Tsar, not through local popularity.

Question 3.

What were the differences between the Russian peasants and the other peasants of Europe?

Or

How were the peasants of Russia different from rest of Europe?

Answer:

- Russia's people were agriculturists. About 85 per cent of the Russian empire's population earned their living from agriculture. This proportion was higher than in most European countries. For instance, in France and Germany the proportion was between 40 per cent and 50 per cent.
- In Russia, peasants wanted the land of the nobles to be given to them. They had no respect for them, whereas in other parts of Europe, the nobles were respected.
- Russian farmers pooled their land together periodically, and their commune divided it according to the needs of the individual families. This never happened in other parts of Europe.

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