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Class- 9<sup>th</sup>

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History

### Nazism and the rise of Hitler

#### Question 1.

What were the terms given by the Nazis when they wanted to convey the words 'kill' or 'murder in their official communications ?

Answer:

The Nazis used the words 'special treatment or final Solution' to convey mass killing of the Jews. The words , 'selection or disinfection' was used for the elimination of the disabled and to deport people to the Gas Chambers the Nazis used the word 'evacuation'.

Gas Chambers were called 'disinfection areas'. These chambers looked like a bath rooms with fake showerheads.

#### Question 2.

How were women treated in Nazi Germany?

Answer:

Women in the Nazi Germany were treated as important citizens. Motherhood was glorified, but not all mothers were not treated equally. The women who bore desirable children were awarded. They were given favoured treatment in hospitals and concessions in theatres and shops. Those who bore undesirable children were condemned and punished severely.

Honour Crosses were given to women who produced more children. Women with 4 children were given a Bronze cross, women with 5 were given a Silver cross , while women who bore 8 children and more were given a Gold cross.

Aryan women who deviated from the given code of conduct were severely punished

Question 3.

What was expected of the youth in Nazi Germany?

Answer:

All the young men above the age of 18 years were expected to serve in the armed forces and enter one of the Nazi organisations.

At the tender age of 10 they had to join 'Jungvolk' – Nazi youth groups for children below 14 years of age. At 14 years of age they enrolled in the Nazi Youth Organisation called 'Hitler Youth'.

The German youth were educated in the spirit of National Socialism by these youth organisations. They were taught to worship war, glorify aggression and violence , condemn democracy , hate Jews, communists, gypsies and all those who were called 'undesirable'.

Question 4.

Why did the Nazis hate the Jews?

Answer:

Traditionally the Jews were considered as the killers of Jesus Christ. It was this traditional hostility and the fact that were basically money lenders charging excessive interest that made the Nazis hate the Jews.

Question 5.

Why did the German Mark collapse?

Answer:

Germany had to pay war reparation after its defeat in the First World War. But Germany refused to pay the reparation and France occupied Ruhr to claim Germany's coal. In retaliation Germany printed paper currency recklessly. As a result, the value of German mark collapsed and prices of goods soared.

In December 1923, 1 US dollar was equal to 98,860,000 marks.

People had to carry a cart load of currency to buy a loaf of bread. This crisis is known as hyperinflation.

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