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HISTORY

FRANCE REVOLUTION

Question 1.

Describe the conditions of women during the period of French Revolution.

Answer:

Conditions of women during the period of French Revolution are :

- From the very beginning women were active participants in the events which brought about major changes in the French Society.
- Most women of the Third Estate had to work for a living as seamstresses or laundresses. They even sold flowers, fruits and vegetables at the market.
- They were employed as domestic servants in the house of prosperous people.
- They started their own political clubs and newspapers in order to voice their interests.
- They demanded the right to vote to be elected to the Assembly and hold political office.
- They did not have access to education or job training. Only daughter wealthier members of the Third Estate could stay at convent.
- Working women had also to take care of their families. Their wages were lower than those of men.

Question 2.

Who was Robespierre? Describe any four steps taken by him to bring equality.

Answer:

Maximilian Robespierre was the leader of Jacobin Club.

- The period from 1793 to 1794 is referred to as the Reign of Terror. Robespierre followed a policy of severe control and punishment.
- All those whom he saw as being 'enemies' of the republic-ex-nobles and clergy, members of other political parties, even members of his own party who did not agree with his methods were arrested, imprisoned and then tried by a revolutionary tribunal. If the court found them 'guilty' they were guillotined.
- Robespierre's government issued laws placing a maximum ceiling on wages and prices. Meat and bread were rationed. Peasants were forced to transport their grain to the cities and sell it at prices fixed by the government.
- Churches were shut down and their buildings converted into barracks or offices.

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