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NCERT for Class 9 Social Science  
HISTORY – Nazism and The Rise of Hitler



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**1. What does the term 'Holocaust' refer to?**

**Ans.** The term Holocaust refers to the atrocities and sufferings endured by Jews during Nazi killing operations.

**2. Write a short note on the genocidal war waged by Germany.**

**Ans.** (1) Under the shadow of the Second World War, Germany had waged a genocidal war, which resulted in the mass murder of selected groups of innocent civilians of Europe. The number of people killed included 6 million Jews, 200,000 Gypsies, 1 million Polish civilians and 70,000 Germans who were considered mentally and physically disabled, besides innumerable political opponents.

(2) Nazis devised an unprecedented means of killing people, that is, by gassing them in various killing centers like Auschwitz.

**3. How did the Great Depression originate in USA?**

**Ans.** (1) Great Depression originated in USA as a result of over production in the factories. It led to closing of a few factories.

(2) The Wall Street Exchange crashed in 1929. Fearing a fall in prices, people made frantic efforts to sell their shares. On one single day, 24 October, 13 million shares were sold. All the American banks were closed. This was the Great Economic Depression.

(3) Over the next three years, between 1929 and 1932, the national income of the USA fell by half. Factories shut down, exports fell, farmers were badly hit and speculators withdrew their money from the market.

**4. Why did Hitler attack Soviet Union? Why was it a historical blunder?**

**Ans.** (1) Hitler wanted to ensure food supplies and living space for Germans. He attacked the Soviet Union in June 1941. In this historic blunder Hitler exposed the German western front to the British aerial bombing and the eastern front to the powerful Soviet armies.

(2) The Soviet Red Army inflicted a crushing and humiliating defeat on Germany at Stalingrad. After this the Soviet Red Army hounded out the retreating German soldiers until they reached the heart of Berlin, establishing Soviet hegemony over the entire eastern Europe for half a century thereafter.

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## 5. What were the economic effects of great depression on Germany?

**Ans.** The economic effects of depression on Germany were:-

- (1) By 1932 industrial production was reduced to 40% of the 1929 level. Workers lost their job or were paid reduced wages. The no. of unemployed touched and unprecedented 6 million on the streets of Germany was seen in Germany. Men with play cards around their necks saying "willing do any work".
- (2) Unemployed youth played cards or sat at streets or desperately queued up at the unemployment exchange.
- (3) As jobs disappeared, youth took to criminal activities and total despair become commonplace.
- (4) The economic crisis created deep anxieties and faces in people.
- (5) The middle class, salaried employees and pensioners saw their savings diminish when the currency lost its value.
- (6) Small businessman, self employed retailers suffered as their business got ruined.
- (7) They were with the fear of proletarianisation, an anxiety of being reduced to the ranks of the unemployed.
- (8) Only organized workers could manage to keep their heads above water but unemployment weakened their bargaining powers. Big businessman were in crisis.
- (9) The large mass of peasantry was affected by a sharp fall in agricultural prices and women unable to fill their children's stomachs were filled with a sense of deep despair.

## MULTIPLE CHOICE QUESTIONS

1. The international military tribunal was set up in  
(A) Vienna (B) Munich (C) Nuremberg (D) Auschwitz  
**Ans:** (C)
2. World war II began with German Invasion of  
(A) Poland (B) Belgium (C) Austria (D) Czechoslovakia  
**Ans:** (A)
3. Allied power in world war – II  
(A) Germany, Italy, Japan (B) Germany, Italy, Turkey  
(C) UK, France, Italy (D) UK, France, USSR, USA  
**Ans:** (D)
4. Which nation were the axis power during world war II:  
(A) UK, France, USSR, USA (B) UK, France, Japan  
(C) Germany, Italy, Japan (D) Germany, France, UK  
**Ans:** (C)

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5. Which of the following is not true of ordinary people in Nazi Germany?
- (A) Majority of Germans were passive on lookers.
  - (B) They were scared to act, to often, to protest
  - (C) Majority genuinely believed Nazism would bring prosperity and well being
  - (D) Every German was Nazi

**Ans:** (D)

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