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THURSDAY

## SOCIAL SCIENCE I

STD-8  
class-14

### Assignment

1. How did the competitions among the imperialist nations lead the world to war? Prepare a short note.

- Ans) \*
- \* The European nations vied with each other in establishing colonies. This competition led to conflicts among them and caused mutual distrust and enmity.
  - \* The competition drove the nations to the signing of military alliances.
  - \* Formation of military alliances : Triple alliance, Triple entente.
  - \* The formation of these military alliances created a war atmosphere in Europe.
  - \* European nations started manufacturing and buying lethal weapons.
  - \* The European nations resorted to various strategies to enthuse their people. Aggressive nationalism was one among them.
  - \* Aggressive nationalists considered their own nations as the supreme and justified whatever be the actions of their rulers.
  - \* Aggressive nationalism led to the formation of various movements like
    - Pan-Slav Movement,
    - Pan-German Movement,
    - Revenge Movement

\* Imperialist rivalry drove the European countries into several crises, among which the Moroccan crisis and the Balkan crisis were considered to be important.

\* These circumstances led the world to a world war.

2. The Treaty of Versailles was an example of the vengeance against the defeated nations. Evaluate the statement.

Ans) \* The Versailles Treaty signed under the leadership of the winning allies, Britain and France with Germany in 1919.

\* German colonies were divided among the victorious powers.

\* Germany was forced to pay huge amount.

\* Britain and France occupied the rich mines of Germany.

\* war guilt was imposed on Germany was disarmed

3. What are the circumstances under which the Fascist party came to power in Italy?

Ans) \* Italy got nothing, though she was with the victors in the First world war.

\* Post-war destruction of industries, unemployment, increase in tax, inflation etc. kept people away from the government.

\* Industrialists, in fear of Italy moving to socialism, were prompted to support Fascism.

4. Fascism was a product of the First world war. Evaluate the statement and prepare a note.

Ans) The European nations resorted to various strategies to succeed in their imperialistic competitions. Aggressive nationalism was one among them. The European nations used aggressive nationalism to invade other countries. Aggressive nationalists considered their own nations as the supreme and justified whatever be the actions of their nations. Various movements in Europe were an offshoot of aggressive nationalism.

The First World War devastated both the allies. Many European governments lost their power. People were in misery. Unemployment, poverty and inflation gained their entire system. Fascism in Italy and Nazism in Germany rose to power, capitalizing on the political and economic chaos prevailing then. Economic destruction, rivalry against the victors, aimlessness etc. facilitated these forces to grab power.