

Question Bank for BA Hons. History VI Sem.

Paper: History of Modern Europe II

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1. Factors responsible for the unification of Germany- role of Napoleon, French Ideas, liberal and progressive movements, impact of the revolutions of 1830s and 1848, role of Bismarck. Economic and cultural dimensions for the unification.
2. Unification of Italy- Risorgimento, Romanticism, economic modernization of Piedmont; role of Mazzini, Cavour and Garibaldi; foreign help- Napoleon III's contribution.
3. Emancipation of serfs and Russian revolution- circumstances leading to the emancipation of serfs, its provisions and impact. Causes for the fall of Tsarist regime, provisional government and Bolshevik revolution, Bolshevik's consolidation of power.
4. Balkan Nationalism, theories of imperialism and world war I- factors responsible for the rise of nationalism among the Balkan states, crisis and situations contributing to world war I; reasons for the establishment of imperialism, various contributing factors leading to World War I. Was it avoidable?
5. Rise of fascism and Nazism- factors responsible for the rise of fascism in Italy and Nazism in Germany. Role of World War I and treaties following it, world economic depression, contribution of Mussolini and Hitler. Spread of these totalitarian ideas to different states.
6. Developments in art and literature in Europe from Romanticism to Impressionism.
7. Creation of a new public sphere, print culture, mass education and the extension of literacy.
8. Growth of history, anthropology and psychology as a discipline.
9. Discussion of race, gender and imperialism in the modern context, the reasons for their growth, role of ideas like Enlightenment, Romanticism, economic and cultural needs etc.