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Class 12th –D

History

Worksheet 4

Chapter 7:1- World War 2

Note : Parents please ensure that your ward refers to the textbook, ISC class 12th History by Dr Sachhidanaanda

Banerjee and the websites :

www.google.co.in

www.aplustooper.com

www.wikipedia, for atleast two days to read and understand the chapter.

Summary:

The major causes of World War 2 were numerous. They include the impact of Treaty of Versailles following World War 1. The world wide economic depression, the policy of appeasement, the rise militarism in Germany and Japan and the failure of League of Nations.

The Principal powers were the Axis powers- Germany Italy and Japan and the Allies- France, Britain, United States and Soviet Union and to a lesser extent China.

The World War 2 in many respects was a continuation of the First World War which had humiliated Germany in many respects. Hitler wanted to destroy the hated Versailles settlement, build his army, recover his lost territories and to bring all Germans inside the Reich.

1-Boycott of Disarmament : In 1932 Japan and Germany attended The World Disarmament Conference and withdrew from the League of Nations,
2-German-Polish Pact of 1934 : Hitler signed the 10 year Non-Aggression Pact with Poland in January 1934 and made Poland a neutral buffer state between Russia and Germany. Hence forth Poland would be less dependent on France for her security.

3-Plebiscite in Saar in 1935 : On 13th January, 1935, Plebiscite resulted in 90% vote in favour of free union with Germany.

4-German Intervention in Spanish civil war 1936 : Spain had Republican government which was moving towards Communism . General Franco organized a revolt to save the country from the Communist.

5- Capture of Rhineland 1936 : In the Versailles Treaty, Rhineland had been declared a demilitarized zone but Hitler denounced and occupied it.

6-Rome Berlin Tokyo Axis 1937 : In 1936 Hitler signed a pact with Japan known as The Anti Comintern Pact directed against Russian Communism

7-Annexation of Austria 1938 : Hitler poured his troops into Austria and incorporated Austria with German Empire. In this way Anschluss was completed.

8-Intervention in Czechoslovakia in 1938-39 : Hitler decided to destroy

Czechoslovakia as a part of his Lebensraum Policy.

9-German attack on Poland 1939 : Hitler demanded the city of Danzing for construction of German Highway across the Polish Corridor. Poland refused on the basis of Anglo-French guarantee to protect Poland. The British Prime Minister Chamberlain gave up the policy of appeasement and declared that Britain would help Poland in case of German attack. On 1st September 1939 Germany attacked Poland and on 3rd September Britain and France declared war on Germany.

Aggressive Policies of Italy :

Italy followed the policy of expansion to enhance the position and glory of Italy in international politics. Italy demanded compensation from Greece as an Italian general with his staff was killed by Greek bandits. Mussolini occupied the Corfu Island and later

evacuated after receiving compensation.

The new Italian Prime Minister Giovanni Giolitti signed an agreement between Italy and Yugoslavia by which greater part of Fiume was given to Italy. Italy annexed Abyssinia in 1935 and Albania in 1939.

Spanish Civil War : Military revolt against Republican Government of Spain, supported by Conservative elements within the country. When an initial military coup failed to win the control of the entire country, a bloody civil war ensued.

Answer in brief :

- 1) Why did Germany sign Non-Aggression Pact with Poland?
- 2) What is meant by Anschluss ?
- 3) Which countries signed the Anti Comintern Pact?

- 4) Why did Germany claim Sudetenland ?
- 5) Which country was defeated in the battle of Adowa?
- 6) Why did General Franco start a revolt in Spain?
- 7) What important decision was taken at the Munich Conference in September 1938?
- 8) What is meant by the term Appeasement ?
- 9) What was the Corfu Incident of 1923?
- 10) Why did Mussolini come closer to Hitler after the attack on Abyssinia?

Answer in Detail :

1a) Why did Britain and France follow a policy of appeasement towards Germany and Italy?

1b) What were the aims of the Foreign Policy of Hitler?

2a) Why did Hitler attack
Czechoslovakia in 1938?

2b) Discuss the full scale invasion and
defeat of Poland in 1939?

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