

Question:

Discuss the significance and outcomes of the Congress of Vienna (1814-1815) in shaping the post-Napoleonic order in Europe. [Answer starts from page 2]

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The Congress of Vienna System in Post Napoleonic era:-

After the imprisonment of Napoleon Bonaparte at the island of Elba, the great powers of Europe met together to find solution to European problems.

The meeting was halted when Napoleon escaped from the island of Elba and soon started after his defeat at Waterloo.

This congress system has great significance in European history as it was after the peace of Westphalia that European major powers met at a table to discuss and resolve the issue. However, the outcomes were not entirely as planned.

The Significance of Congress of Vienna:

The congress of Vienna has great significance as it paved the way for the

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'Concert of Europe'. It included the great powers representative of Europe to reshape the map of Europe with 'diplomacy'.

The Great Powers that participated in Congress of Vienna:

Following are the great powers of Europe that participated in Congress of Vienna

1. The Tsar Alexander of Russia.
2. Metternich of Kingdom of Austria.
3. Talleyrand of France
4. Lord Castlereagh of Britain
5. The Kingdom of Prussia.

This is also a significance of the congress that it was successful in gathering all the leaders of great power of Europe. Furthermore, congress of Vienna also paved way for further meeting to discuss the issues of Europe.

Shaping the post-Napoleonic order in Europe

The main issues discussed in the congress were related to the post napoleonic order in Europe. Following were the questions that were discussed by the statesmen.

i. Insuring no aggression from France:

The most important question that was discussed was how to ensure no further aggression from France. All statesman agreed that France should have to be surrounded by large military powers. For this following measures were taken.

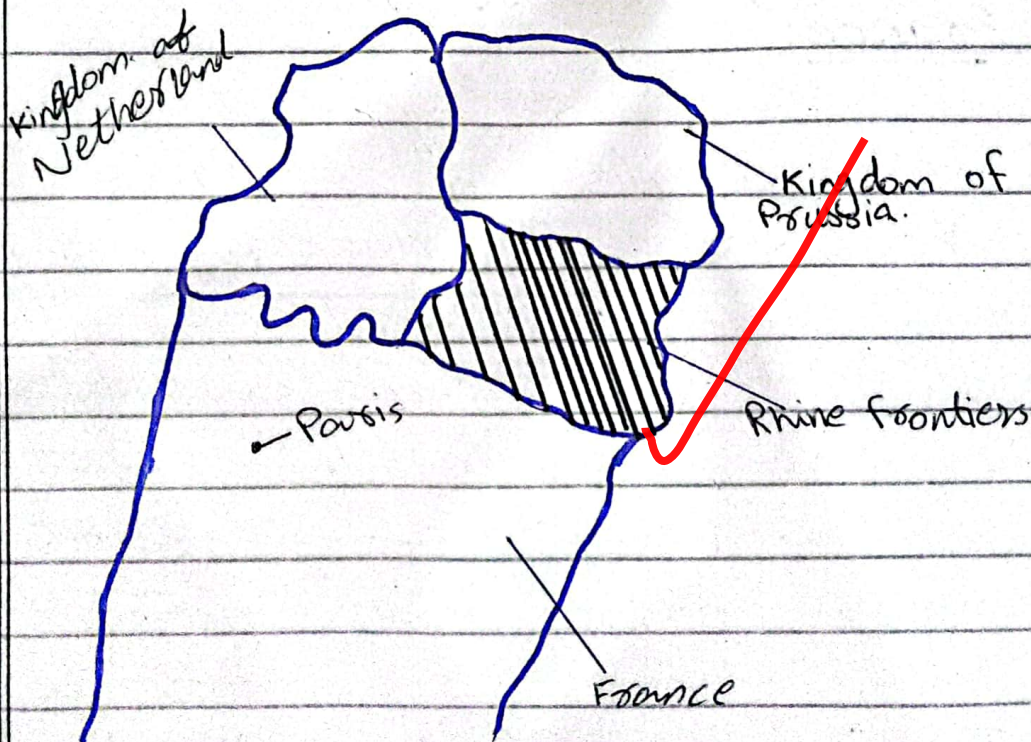
ii. The formation of strong Kingdom of Netherland:

On the Northern Eastern front of France a stronger Kingdom of Netherland was formed. The **Belgium** and

Holland were combined together for this purpose.

iii. The Prussian occupation of Rhine Frontiers

It was agreed that the Prussian Kingdom would occupy the Rhine frontiers thus making French borders in contact with Prussian borders.



☐ Occupied by Prussia.

That is how the northern borders were secured.

iv. The restoration of Pope in Italy:

To secure contain France from south the pope was restored to its power in Italy. He was against Napoleon.

v. The case of disputed territories

These were two major disputed territories that were resolved in the Congress of Vienna between Prussia and Russia.

vi.

The Duchy of Warsaw & Kingdom of Saxony:

The duchy of Warsaw was a disputed territory between Russia and Prussia. The statesmen agreed on that the most part of duchy of Warsaw would be given to the Russia and rest would be of Prussia. Similarly the Kingdom of Saxony would be in control of Prussia - most of its area.

vii.

Maintaining the balance of powers

The statesman at the congress ensured that in post Napoleonic Europe no kingdom or state would become much powerful than other. Thus they maintained the balance of powers in Europe.

Outcomes of Congress of Vienna:

The outcomes of congress of Vienna are following

i. The reshaping of European map

The continental system of Napoleon distorted the map of Europe. The congress of Vienna reshaped the map of Europe. However, its main motive was to contain the France

ii. The emergence of Peace:

It is well noted historical fact that the congress of Vienna resulted in the peace period in Europe.

For forty years no major wars happened in Europe

iii) The emergence of Concert of Europe

The successful diplomacy at the congress in 1815 resulted in the formation of concert of Europe. Major powers engaged in Table-Talks for solving the issues of Europe.

iv) The partial failure of Congress of Vienna

Even though that no major wars occurred in Europe but after 40 years the boundaries made by the congress were vanished. As to put in the words of Hey

"In all those territorial readjustment, there was little that was permanent and much that was temporary. The union of Belgium and Holland lasted

about 15 years. The settlements of ^{Italian} Austria and Germany survived about 50 years and that of Polish nearly a century."

Conclusion:

The congress of Vienna played a significant role in shaping the post napoleonic order in Europe for a significant period of time. For nearly 40 years there was a period of peace in Europe. No major revolution and war occurred in the European continent. Thus, making it a significant important system in history.

