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Q: Explain War of Independence 1857.
What are the effects and causes of War of Independence.

Introduction War of Independence also called as Sepoy Mutiny was the final attempt of removing British from Indian Sub-continent through armed forces. However it failed, because of several reasons and the parties that were involved in this war faced very severe difficulties.

Muslims have anger for the British because they remove them from their kingship, however Hindus doesn't have any proclamation, because for them only their ruler is changed from Muslim to British. But both Hindus and Muslim participate in this war, as they both claim Bahadur Shah Zafar as their emperor and they want to get him back as their ruler. This shows that both Hindus and Muslims were not only fighting with the same enemy, however their cause was also the same.

Causes of War of Independence

Sepoy Mutiny

starts in Meerut, therefore it is also called as Meerut Mutiny. British when introduce Rifles to their soldiers, rumours spread that the greased cartridges used in the rifles were greased with Cow and Pig fat. And these soldiers have to bite these cartridges before loading them in the rifles and both cows and pigs are forbidden by Hindus and Muslims, due to which they forbid the British to use them. However British infuse them to use it and killed Mangal Panday, which cause a disrupt among the soldiers. This incident was the trigger point to the War of Independence. Other causes include Political, Religious, Military and Economic aspects.

① Political Causes

1, Lord Dalhousie's introduce a doctrine named as "**Doctrine of Lapse**", according to which the ruler of the Princely States if die without leaving any male Heir, will directly come under India Company. This

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doctrine was opposed by many Indians especially ~~Thar~~ Rani of Jhansi, who was the daughter of Maharaja of Jhansi, and she fought several times against British because of this doctrine.

- 2, Indians by the ~~mutineers~~ realise that their Emperors were treated very badly and unlawfully and this treatment with their rulers assert rebellions among them.
- 3, Persian language was the official language in the Indian administration for more than 600 years, however British replaced it with English.
- 4, The Books and Lectures were conducted in English language, which was not accepted by the Public.

② Economic Causes

- 1, Patwari and Tehsildar who were the revenue officers were so corrupt, that they want $30\%-40\%$ of the total agriculture production for the British government and $5\%-10\%$ for their own selves, which create a sense of money laundering between the landlords and Peasants.

- 2, Increased Taxation effect the Indians lives very much, as they were already facing financial disorder.
- 3, Exclusion of Muslims from trade both domestically and Internationally create a huge disturbance in the social life of the Muslims.
- 4, Loss of Local Industries especially cotton, gems, silk and carpet industries which create economic exploitation among Indian subcontinent.

Military Causes

- 1, Soldiers and armed forces have to live in the Cantonment areas, where all the British high officials and their families reside. So there was a threat of Conversion to Christianity as they were surrounded by all Christians, practicing their religious and cultural beliefs.

- 2, Priests and the Christian Missionaries start Propaganda Propagations to the untouchables of Hindus to convert their religion to Christianity, so they will have a prosperous and honoured life styles.

3. Indians soldiers were forced to fight for East Indian Company over seas, like Anglo-Afghan war, which was fought in Afghanistan.
4. Indians feels that European soldiers were given high salaries and benefits which create a sort of Indiscrimination.
5. Another source of discontent was the way of Pension distribution and the lands given to the deceased and injured soldiers, which was not given to Indians.

Religious Causes

1. British create reforms like Sati (widow burning), stopping child marriages and allowing widows to remarry create a dicloma in Indians that British were promoting their Christianity by interfering in their religious and social practices.
2. This suspicion will become more prominent when Lord Canning brought a reform that only those were inherited with lands of their parents and ancestors who were converted to Christianity.

3, Ethnocentrism British consider themselves superior and it little from every aspect and consider their little dominant upon the whole Subcontinent.

4, Missionaries start propagating their religion, by propagation of Christianity to the untouchable to convert to Christian so they will become superior from others.

Effects Failure of War of Independence

1, Lack of Unity among the Mutineers.

2, Lack of Communication and coordination, because of their ineffective communication skills their secrets were revealed.

3, No Planning Strategies result in the failure of War of Independence.

4, British have the access of Ports and Ammunition, which gave them victory.

5, Aims are different, as they don't have any national fighting for their rule and Perspectives. Muslims were fighting for revenge and Hindus were fighting for support of Marathas and Sikhs against the British, and they were martial fighters.

which weaken the strength of Sepoy Mutiny.

7. British have a perfect battle front and advanced weapons, along with they have the support of several rulers of the Principality States, like ruler of Kashmir give them 2000 troops against the rebellions.

Effect of War of Independence

Queen Elizabeth works according to the Parliament Will. When King Prime Minister assume that East India Company is addressing the trial of Bahadur Shah Zafar II, he assumes that it was a constitutional matter. Therefore the East India Company rule was abolished, and Indian Subcontinent came under the direct control of British Government. Lord Canning travelled across the whole India, giving assurity to the 565 rulers of the Princely States that British Crown had no intention of acquiring these states, as a result 565 Princely State remained separate from the British autonomy. And these states will only

recognize British authority in defense and foreign affair but no direct intervention of the British government.

Effects on Muslims British consider Muslims

→ To be the main reason of this war, as they ~~try~~ to acquire their Kingship.

→ Therefore they hate Muslims and they overturn Muslims from their territories, by forming a reform called "Cnam Commission" according to which the lands that were granted to the Muslims during Muslim rule were taken over from more than 30,000 families.

2, Muslims were taken aside from jobs and working in the government sectors. Infact if they were given any job, that will be of ~~int pol~~ filler or messenger. They were excluded from getting jobs in army & revenue department.

3, The education system introduced by the English does not have religious education; therefore Muslims were kept aside from acquiring English education.

4, British Consider Muslims as a ~~matia~~ race as they were courageous and brave.

fighters, therefore they were replaced by Sikhs and Gurkhas which were also martial soldiers.

Conclusion War of Independence also called as ~~Flat Sepoy~~ Mutiny was lead the stone for the Independence of 1947. Because Indians were treated very unjustly, by discriminating them according to their ~~ethnicities~~ and races, there and especially when the greased cartilages were introduced, which create a sense of independence from British rule. Especially after killing two sons and one grandson of Bahadur Shah Zafar II, which Hindus and Muslims consider their Emperor, create a sort of revenge among Indians. Due to which they killed more than 600 English ~~Prisoners~~ including Elderly, women and children. But due to lack of unity, and no certain planning strategies, the Mutineers were defeated and they have to face severe consequences. This war of independence effects more on the Muslims lives, as they were kept backward as they were considered as the main reason of this war.

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