

Instructions:

The phrase "empty coffers of a monarchy" squares with "revolutionary crowds". It explores the causal link between fiscal crisis and political revolt in pre-revolutionary France.

1. Give numbering to headings
2. Do not write lengthy paragraphs. Write medium sized paragraphs with headings.
3. Do not use table for comparison and contrast questions.
4. Draw figures/diagram/flowchart where needed.
5. Start new question from fresh page.
6. Avoid writing wrong references.
7. Give more weightage to expressly asked part/s of the question.
8. Change colour scheme for references to give them more visibility.
9. Manage time well.
10. Wide page borders are discouraged. Should be reasonable.
11. There should be around 15 headings for 20 marks question.
12. Add map.

Exemptions - 1st Elites: Nobility and clergy were largely exempt from these taxes, shifting the burden entirely to the Third Estate.

Impact: The unfair tax system bred resentment and financial strain among the productive classes.

ECONOMIC HARDSHIP AND AGRARIAN CRISIS:
Poor HARVESTS: Consecutive bad harvests in the 1780s reduced grain production, causing food scarcity.

RISING PRICES: Grain and bread prices soared, leading to famine and starvation among the lower classes.

ECONOMIC PRESSURE: The combination of heavy taxes and high living costs pushed the populace into severe economic distress.

POLITICAL DISCONTENT AND DEMAND FOR REFORM:

Estates - General Convocation:

In 1789, King Louis XVI called the Estates-General to approve new taxes, hoping to resolve the fiscal crisis.

Representation Issue: The Third Estate, representing the majority, demanded proportional voting, seeking fiscal and political reforms.

GRIEVANCES: *Caillers de doléances* highlighted economic suffering and calls for justice.

5. MOBILIZATION OF REVOLUTIONARY CROWDS:-

Public spaces: Economic misery drove masses to urban squares where protests and assemblies intensified.

Symbolism: The "empty coffers" metaphorically filled these squares with angry, mobilized citizens demanding change.

Escalation: Protests transformed into revolutionary actions like the storming of the Bastille.

6. Catalyst for The French Revolution.

Legitimization of Revolt:- The monarchy's financial incompetence and oppressive taxation justified revolutionary ideas of liberty, equality and fiscal fairness.

Political collapse: The economic crisis undermined royal authority, leading to the collapse of the ancien régime and the rise of republican governance.

Key Takeaways:-

Economic issue: Financial bankruptcy triggered fiscal policies that exacerbated social inequality.

Social effect: Widespread poverty and injustice fueled mass mobilization.

Q: THE TRIPARTITE STRUCTURE AND ITS INITIAL SUCCESS:-

- **Congress of Vienna (1814-1815)** created a constitutional framework that redrew the European map, restored balance of power, and established principles of legitimacy and territorial compensation. It created a stable diplomatic "constitution" for Europe.

◦ **Concert of Europe**:- functioned as an informal council of great powers that met periodically to resolve disputes and enforce the Vienna settlement, ensuring collective security and diplomatic negotiation over conflict.

◦ **Metternich System**:- The ideological doctrine led by Austrian Chancellor Metternich emphasized conservatism, suppression of liberalism and nationalism, and maintenance of the status quo through intervention and repression.

REASONS FOR THE SYSTEM'S ULTIMATE FAILURE:

◦ **RISING NATIONALISM**: the desire for self-determination among ethnic groups contradicted the metternichian principle of preserving multinational empires, leading to uprisings.

◦ **Liberalism and Social Change**: Enlightenment ideas of ^{totalitarianism} constitutionalism

and civil rights spread, undermining
andocratic conservatism promoted by
Metternich. The middle class
demanded political representation, ending
the old order.

• Economic Transformation

Industrialization shifted economic power to
urban bourgeoisie and created new social
tensions, which the rigid Metternich system
could not accommodate.

• Rigid Diplomatic Framework

The Concert's reliance on consensus among
great powers became ineffective as
interests diverged, limiting its ability to
adapt to emerging crises.

Overall Assessment

The Tripartite arrangement successfully
stabilized Europe post-Napoleon by
institutionalizing diplomatic balance and
conservative governance. However, its
inflexible opposition to nationalist and
liberal forces, coupled with socio-economic
changes, caused it to fail in containing the
dynamic forces of the 19th century, ultimately
leading to the transformation of the
European political landscape.

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Paths to Power - How they grabbed the throne.

Fascist states (Italy And Germany)

↳ Post-WWI TRAUMA: Both Italy and Germany faced economic collapse and political instability.

↳ Charismatic leadership:- Mussolini used Fascisti Combattimenti to intimidate socialists and liberals. Hitler exploited the Freikorps and later the SA for street violence.

↳ Legal-ish seizures:- Italy's March on Rome (1922) pressured the king to appoint Mussolini (unlegally).

↳ Nationalist myth:- Germany emphasized restoring national greatness and blaming internal enemies.

SOVIET UNION:

↳ Marxist revolution:- Bolsheviks led by Lenin believed in proletarian dictatorship.

↳ October 1917 coup: Seized Petrograd and overthrew the Provisional Govt in a swift armed insurrection.

↳ Civil War (1918 - 1922): Red army vs White; foreign intervention; victory cemented Bolshevik monopoly.

↳ Ideological legitimacy:- claimed to represent workers' interests and promised land peace.

2. Mechanisms of political consolidation How they tightened the grip.

FASCIST REGIMES:

↳ Single-party fusion: - State merged with the fascist; all institutions were Nazi-fied.

↳ Propaganda machine: Ministries of Propaganda, controlled media, arts and education to glorify the nation and leader.

↳ Secret police: OVRA and Gestapo hunted dissent, used terror and informants.

↳ Corporatist economy: State directed industry and labor unions were co-opted into fascist syndicates.

↳ Youth and cultural control: - Organizations like Hitler Youth indoctrinated future citizens.

SOVIET UNION:

↳ One-party dictatorship: All political power in the communist party, opposition parties banned outright.

↳ Propaganda and agitation: Agitprop departments spread Marxist-Leninist ideology through newspapers, films and schools.

↳ security apparatus - Cheka conducted many
assassinations, purges and executions.

IIDEOLOGICAL IMPACT AND AUTHORITARIAN VS TOTALITARIAN RULE:-

Ideological shaping of ruler

b) Fascism:- Emphasizes ultra-nationalism, mythic past, corporatism and leader cult. The state is supreme, but some private economic spheres may survive under state sponsorship.

b) Soviet communism:- Focuses on class struggle, collectivization and a future classless society. Ideology demands transformation of all aspects of life, economy, culture, belief systems.

AUTHORITARIAN VS TOTALITARIAN DISTINCTION:-

1. Authoritarian:- Power concentrated in a leader or small elite; limits political freedoms but permits some private autonomy.

Regime seeks total control over public and private life, mobilizing society toward ideological goals. Society attempts to eradicate religion and enforce collective farming.

Q7:- 1. FORCES OF CONTINUITY AND CHANGE:

The concept of continuity and change refers to the factors that either maintain stability or drive transformation in societies, organizations, or systems. These forces are usually studied in fields like sociology, history, political science and management.

KEY ASPECTS OF FORCES OF CONTINUITY AND CHANGE:

1. Continuity forces:-

o Tradition and Culture:- Customs, beliefs and cultural norms that preserve existing practices.

o Institution:
Established laws, governments or organizations that enforce stability.

2. CHANGE FACTOR:-

o Technological Innovation:- New tech that disrupts old methods and creates new practices.

o Economic Shifts:

Market changes, globalization, or resource scarcity that force adaptation.

"UNIPOLAR MOMENT"

The "Unipolar moment" refers to a period in international relations where a single superpower dominates the global system, shaping its structure and processes.

KEY CAUSES OF SYSTEM TRANSFORMATION IN THE UNIPOLAR MOMENT:

1. Concentration Of Power:

The unipolar state's overwhelming military, economic and political capabilities allow it to set agendas and norms, prompting other states to either balance against or accommodate its dominance, which can destabilize existing arrangements and trigger transformation.

2. Institutional Adaptation:

The unipolar power may reshape international institutions to suit its interests. This can cause other states to abandon or create new institutions, leading to systemic change.

3. Security Dilemmas:-

The unipolar state's expansive policies can create insecurity among other major powers, prompting them to pursue strategic adjustments - such as building coalitions or enhancing capabilities - that alter the system's balance.