**🇫🇷 French Revolution: Interactive Q&A**

**🔹 1 Mark Questions *(🧠 Quick Recall)***

**Q1. 📅 When did the French Revolution begin?**

**🅰** 14th July 1789 — *Storming of the Bastille prison.*  
🔍 **Why Important?** Symbol of King’s oppression destroyed!

**Q2. 🧑‍🌾 Who were the members of the Third Estate?**

**🅰** Peasants, workers, artisans, and the bourgeoisie (middle class).  
✨ *Note: They paid all taxes but had no power!*

**Q3. 📜 What was the Estates-General?**

**🅰** A political body with representatives from all 3 estates.  
⚖ *Unfair vote: Each estate had 1 vote, even though the Third Estate was the largest!*

**🔸 2 Marks Questions *(🔍 Understanding)***

**Q4. ⚖ What were the privileges enjoyed by the First and Second Estates?**

**🅰**  
✅ Exempted from taxes  
✅ Owned large lands  
✅ Held high posts in army & government  
💬 *Fun Fact: Only 10% of the population held 90% of the power!*

**Q5. 💰 Why was France facing a financial crisis before the Revolution?**

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* Costly wars (like the American Revolution) 🇺🇸
* Extravagant spending by Louis XVI & Marie Antoinette 👑
* Poor tax system – burden on the poor

🧠 *Think:* Would you revolt if your family paid all the taxes while the rich paid none?

**🔷 3 Marks Questions *(📚 Explain Concepts)***

**Q6. 🕊 What is the significance of the Declaration of the Rights of Man and Citizen?**

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📜 Proclaimed on 26 August 1789:

* Equality before law ⚖
* Freedom of speech, press & religion
* Right to life, liberty & property  
  🔔 *Inspired by Enlightenment thinkers!*

**Q7. 🧑‍🏫 What were the main causes of the French Revolution?**

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1. **Social Inequality** – 3 estates system
2. **Economic Crisis** – taxes, debt, bad harvest
3. **Enlightenment Ideas** – Liberty, equality
4. **Weak Monarchy** – Louis XVI’s failure to reform
5. **Inspiration from America** 🇺🇸

💬 *Tip: Think* **SWEET** — Social, Weak ruler, Economic, Enlightenment, Taxes

**🔶 5 Marks Questions *(📝 Long Answers)***

**Q8. 🏛 Describe the events of the French Revolution from 1789 to 1794.**

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* 🔹 *1789* – Revolution begins, Bastille attacked
* 🔹 *1789* – National Assembly abolishes feudal system
* 🔹 *1791* – New Constitution limits king’s power
* 🔹 *1792* – Monarchy abolished, France becomes a Republic
* 🔹 *1793* – King Louis XVI and Queen executed by guillotine
* 🔹 *1793–94* – Reign of Terror under Robespierre
* 🔹 *1794* – Robespierre executed, end of radical phase

🧠 *Interact:* **Which event do YOU think was the turning point? 🎯**

**Q9. 🧠 Who was Robespierre? Describe his role in the Reign of Terror.**

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* Leader of the **Jacobins**
* Head of the **Committee of Public Safety**
* **Ruled by fear**: Thousands executed 👎
* Wanted a *Republic of Virtue* but became a **dictator**
* **Executed in 1794**

🎯 *Lesson:* Even good ideas turn dangerous without limits!

**🧩 Challenge Yourself! (Bonus Section)**

**🧠 Think & Write:**  
✏ *If you were a Third Estate member in 1789, what would you demand in the National Assembly?*  
✏ *Design your own version of the Declaration of Rights in simple terms.*