

# DISCUSSION QUESTIONS

## UNEB QUESTIONS

2023

1. To what extent was the role of the clergy responsible for the outbreak of the 1789 French Revolution?
  2. Examine the causes and consequences of the 1808 -1813 Peninsular War.
  3. How did the 1815 Vienna settlement affect Europe up to 1848.
  4. Why did the Restored Bourbons fail to consolidate their power in France between 1814 and 1830?
  5. Account for the delay in the unification of Italy up to 1860.
  6. Discuss the significance of the 1878 Berlin Congress in the history of Europe.
  7. To what extent was the collective security the major factor in the formation of the League of Nations?.
  8. "The 1917 Russian Revolution was bound to occur" Discuss
  9. Examine the effects of World War II on Europe up to 1970.
  10. Analyze the challenges faced by the European Economic Community by 1970.
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1. To what extent did the influence of philosophers lead to the outbreak of the 1789 French Revolution?
2. 'The 1812 Moscow Campaign was primarily responsible for the downfall of Napoleon Bonaparte.' Discuss
3. Examine the causes and consequences of the 1830 Revolutions in Europe.
4. 'Victor Emmanuel II was primarily responsible for the Unification of Italy.' Discuss
5. Examine the causes and effects of the 1854-1856 Crimean War.
6. Analyse the challenges that were encountered by the League of Nations between 1920 and 1946.
7. Account for the rise and growth of Nazism in Germany between 1920 and 1939.
8. To what extent did the UNO achieve its objectives between 1945 and 1970?
9. Assess the impact of World War II on Europe up to 1970.
10. Account for the formation of European Economic Community in 1957.

## 2020

1. Assess the impact of the 1789 French Revolution on Europe
2. To what extent did Prince Metternich influence events in Europe between 1815 and 1848?
3. "Bismarck was primarily responsible for the unification of Germany between 1850 and 1871". Discuss
4. Describe the objectives of the 1878 Berlin Conference.
5. Assess the impact of the Alliance System on Europe between 1871 and 1914.
6. Examine the weaknesses of the 1919 Versailles Treaty.
7. Explain the causes of the 1929-1935 World Economic Depression.
8. Account for the downfall of Adolf Hitler by 1945.
9. Why was Britain reluctant to join the European Economic Community by 1970?
10. "The failure of the League of Nations to maintain world peace and security was primarily responsible for the formation of UNO in 1945" Discuss

## 2019

1. Assess the achievements of the National Assembly in France by 1792
2. Examine the factors that undermined the activities of the Congress system by 1830
3. Account for the delay in the unification of Germany up to 1870
4. To what extent were external factors responsible for the success of the 1821 Greek War of Independence?
5. How did the formation of the Triple Alliance influence the history of Europe up to 1914?
6. Assess the impact of World War I on Europe up to 1939.
7. Why did the League of Nations fail to maintain world peace between 1920 and 1945?
8. Analyze the factors that contributed to the success of the 1917 Russian Revolutions.
9. Account for the formation of the United Nations Organization (UNO) in 1945.
10. Examine the causes and effects of the Cold War between 1945 and 1970

## 2018

1. Examine the causes of the 1792 to 1794 reign of terror in France.
2. To what extent did the 1815 Vienna Settlement contribute to the outbreak of the 1848 revolution in Europe?
3. Discuss the causes and consequences of the 1870-1871 Franco - Prussian war.
4. Assess the impact of the 1856 Paris Peace Treaty on Europe.
5. How did Bismarck overcome the challenges faced by the German Empire between 1871 and 1890?
6. "The Arms race was primarily responsible for the outbreak of World War I" Discuss
7. Examine the success and failures of the League of Nations between 1920 and 1945.
8. Account for the victory of the Bolsheviks in Russia between 1917 and 1924.
9. To what extent did the UNO fulfil its aims between 1945 and 1970?
10. Examine the impact of the Cold War on Europe between 1945 and 1970.

2017

1. Account for the occurrence of the Reign of Terror in France between 1792 and 1794.
2. Assess the impact of the 1830 Belgian revolution on Europe.
3. Explain the significance of the 1871 Treaty of Frankfurt in the history of Europe.
4. Describe the methods used by Otto Von Bismarck to isolate France between 1871 and 1890.
5. Examine the causes and effects of the 1912-1913 Balkan Wars.
6. Account for the failure of the 1919 Versailles Settlement to bring about lasting peace in Europe.
7. Assess the achievements of the Weimar Republic between 1919 and 1934.
8. "Economic factors were primarily responsible for the outbreak of the 1917 Russian revolutions" Discuss
9. To what extent did the American involvement in World War II contribute to the defeat of the Axis Powers?
10. Why was the North Atlantic Treaty Organization (NATO) established in 1949?

2016

1. To what extent was the system of taxation responsible for the outbreak of the 1789 French Revolution?
2. Account for the failure of the Vienna Settlement to resolve conflicts in Europe between 1815 and 1848.
3. How was Prince Metternich able to control liberalism in Europe between 1815 and 1848?
4. 'Without external assistance, Italian unification would not have been possible'. Discuss
5. Assess the impact of the 1854-1856 Crimean war on Europe.
6. Why did the League of Nations fail to maintain peace in Europe during the inter-war period?
7. Discuss the factors responsible for the rise of Adolf Hitler to power in Germany.
8. Assess the impact of the 1917 Bolshevik Revolutions on the peoples of Russia up to 1929.
9. Explain the challenges faced by the United Nations Organization (UNO) between 1945 and 1970.
10. How did the Truman Doctrine affect Europe between 1947 and 1970?

2015

1. "The desire for reforms in France made the 1789 Revolution inevitable" Discuss
2. Account for the coalition of European nations against Napoleon Bonaparte by 1813
3. To what extent did Prince Metternich succeed in preserving monarchism in Europe between 1815 and 1848?
4. Describe the course of the unification of Italy up to 1871.
5. Account for the outbreak of armed conflict in the Balkans between 1854 and 1856.
6. How did the 1892 Franco-Russian alliance affect European relations?
7. Explain the causes and effects of the 1929-35 Great Economic depression in Europe.
8. Why did the Bolsheviks take over power in Russia in 1917?
9. 'Neville Chamberlain's policy of Appeasement was the root cause of World War II' Discuss
10. Examine the causes and consequences of the 1948-49 Berlin Blockade.

2014

1. Account for the unpopularity of the Directory Government in France between 1794 and 1799.
2. Assess the impact of the 1814-15 Vienna Congress on the peoples of France.
3. To what extent did Francois Guizot contribute to the collapse of the Orleans Monarchy in 1848?
4. Examine the strengths and weaknesses of Bismarck's domestic policy in Germany between 1871 and 1890.
5. How did the events in the Balkans threaten peace in Europe between 1815 and 1878?
6. Explain the significance of the Versailles peace treaty in the history of Europe up to 1939.
7. Assess the achievements of Weimar Republic
8. To what extent was Nicholas II responsible for the outbreak of the February 1917 revolution in Russia?
9. "The invasion of Poland by Germany in 1939 was primarily responsible for the outbreak of World War II" Discuss
10. Describe the events that led to the formation of the Warsaw Pact in 1955.



1. How did the 1775-83 American War of Independence influence events in France by 1789?
2. To what extent did Britain contribute to the downfall of Napoleon the Great in 1815?
3. Assess the achievements of the Orleans Monarchy between 1830 and 1848.
4. 'The Unification of Germany was primarily achieved through military means.' Discuss
5. To what extent did the weaknesses of the Turkish Empire contribute to the outbreak of the 1854-56 Crimean War?
6. How did World War I affect Europe between 1914 and 1929?
7. Account for the failure of the League of Nations to maintain peace in Europe up to 1939.
8. Explain the factors that led to the rise of Fascism in Italy between 1922 and 1939.
9. To what extent did the 1917 Bolshevik Revolution resolve the problems of the Russian peasantry?
10. Examine the causes and consequences of the Cold War in Europe up to 1970.

## 2012

1. Assess the impact of the 1789 French Revolution on France.
2. To what extent was Prince Metternich responsible for the collapse of the Congress System?
3. Examine the factors which delayed the unification of Germany up to 1850.
4. Discuss the causes and effects of the 1854-56 Crimean War.
5. To what extent was nationalism responsible for the outbreak of World War I?
6. Assess the achievements of the League of Nations between 1920 and 1939.
7. Examine the causes and consequences of Fascism in Italy between 1922 and 1939.
8. Account for the defeat of the Axis Powers in World War II.
9. Examine the weaknesses and strengths of the United Nations Organization (UNO) between 1945 and 1970.
10. To what extent did the Strategic Arms Limitation Talks (SALT) achieve their aims?

## 2011

1. Why was France at war with other European countries between 1791 and 1799?
2. Account for the collapse of the Concert of Europe by 1825.
3. Examine the causes and consequences of the 1848 revolution in Austria.
4. Explain the role played by Otto Von Bismarck in the unification of Germany.
5. 'The weaknesses of Turkey were primarily responsible for the success of the Greek war of independence in 1821'. Discuss
6. To what extent was the Sarajevo incident responsible for the outbreak of World War I?
7. Examine the strengths and weaknesses of the 1919 Versailles peace treaty.
8. Account for the occurrence of the Great World depression between 1929 and 1935.
9. Examine the significance of the 1945 Yalta conference in the history of Europe.
10. 'Josef Stalin's policy was primarily responsible for the outbreak of the cold war.' Discuss

## 2010

1. Assess the achievements of the French revolution by 1799.
2. Explain the significance of the 1830 Belgian Revolution in the history of Europe.
3. Examine the factors that delayed the unification of Germany up to 1870.
4. To what extent was Napoleon III's foreign policy successful between 1852 and 1870?
5. 'Kaiser William II was primarily responsible for the outbreak of world war I'. Discuss
6. Assess the achievements of the League of Nations between 1920 and 1939.
7. Explain the factors that led to the rise of Fascism in Italy.
8. To what extent was Czar Nicholas II responsible for the outbreak of the 1917 Russian revolutions?
9. Account for the victory of the allied powers in World War II.
10. The emergence of the cold war was inevitable'. Discuss

#### 2009

1. Assess the impact of Prince Metternich on the history of Europe between 1815-1848.
2. To what extent did foreign powers contribute to the unification of Italy?
3. Examine the causes and consequences of the 1821 Greek war of Independence.
4. To what extent was Otto Von Bismarck's foreign policy successful?
5. Assess the impact of world war one on Europe between 1914-1939.
6. Explain the significance of the 1939 Spanish civil war.
7. How did European nations recover from the 1929-1933 great economic depression?
8. To what extent were the weaknesses of the Russian army responsible for the outbreak of the 1917 revolutions?
9. Assess the achievements of UNO up to 1970
10. Explain the significance of the 1945 Potsdam Conference in the history of Europe

#### 2008

1. How did Napoleon Bonaparte consolidate his power in France between 1799 and 1814?
2. Assess the impact of the Vienna settlement on Europe
3. To what extent did the violation of the 1814 charter contribute to the overthrow of the French Bourbons?
4. Examine the role played by the foreign powers in the unification of Italy
5. Assess the achievements of Otto Von Bismarck in Europe between 1870 and 1890
6. Account for the outbreak of the revolution in Greece in 1821.
7. To what extent was Germany responsible for the outbreak of World War I?
8. "The Russian revolutions of 1917 were inevitable" Discuss
9. Assess the impact of world war II on Europe up to 1970
10. To what extent did the UNO live up to the expectations of its founders between 1945 and 1970?

#### 2007

1. Account for the collapse of the Bourbon Monarchy in France by 1793
2. Explain the significance of the congress system in the history of Europe
3. "External factors were primarily responsible for the delay in the unification of Italy" Discuss
4. Assess the impact of the 1856 Paris Treaty on Europe
5. To what extent did the alliance system contribute to the outbreak of World War I?
6. "The League of Nations was bound to fail" Discuss
7. How was Adolf Hitler able to retain power in Germany between 1933 and 1945?
8. Account for the success of the 1917 Bolshevik revolutions in Russia
9. To what extent were the weaknesses of the Versailles settlement responsible for the outbreak of World War II?
10. Assess the impact of the cold war on world politics up to 1970.

#### 2006

1. To what extent did the class system contribute to the outbreak of the French revolution of 1789?
2. Examine the contribution of Napoleon Bonaparte to the history of Europe between 1789 and 1821.
3. Assess the achievements of the congress system in Europe between 1818 and 1830.
4. Explain the factors which favored the unification of Italy between 1850 and 1870.
5. "The interests of the Great powers of Europe were primarily responsible for the Crimean war of 1854-56" Discuss
6. To what extent was Bismarck's foreign policy successful between 1870 and 1890?
7. "The terms of the Versailles treaty were bound to lead to another world crisis" Discuss
8. Account for the outbreak of the Bolshevik revolutions of 1917
9. How did Britain's appeasement policy contribute to the outbreak of World War II?
10. To what extent was the UNO successful in the search for peace by 1970?

2005

- 1 "The weakness in character of King Louis XVI sparked off the French revolution of 1789" Discuss
- 2 To what extent did Napoleon I fulfill the aspirations of the revolutionaries in France between 1799 and 1814?
- 3 "The Vienna Treaty was an unfair peace settlement" Discuss
- 4 Examine the causes and effects of the 1830 revolutions in Europe
- 5 Account for the delay in the unification of Germany before 1860
- 6 Assess the impact of the 1821 Greek war of independence on Europe up to 1878
- 7 Explain the factors that led to the Franco-Prussian war of 1870-71
- 8 Why did the League of Nations fail to maintain world peace between 1920 and 1945?
- 9 How did Benito Mussolini consolidate his power in Italy between 1922 and 1945?
- 10 Account for the outbreak of world war II in 1939

2004

- 1 To what extent was the bankruptcy of the French monarchy responsible for the outbreak of the 1789 French revolution?
- 2 "Napoleon's foreign policy was primarily responsible for his downfall". Discuss
- 3 "The Vienna settlement of 1814-15 was unrealistic in resolving the problems of Europe". Discuss
- 4 Assess the role of Victor Emmanuel II in the unification of Italy between 1848 and 1870.
- 5 Account for the armed conflicts in the Balkans between 1820 and 1856
- 6 Explain the role played by Bismarck in maintaining peace in Europe between 1871 and 1890.
- 7 "Austria-Hungary was primarily for the outbreak of world war I". Discuss
- 8 Assess the achievements of the League of Nations up to 1945.
- 9 Examine the causes and consequences of the 1929 Great economic depression
- 10 To what extent did the UNO succeed in resolving international conflicts by 1970?

2003

- 1 "The 1793-94 Reign of Terror in France was inevitable" Discuss
- 2 How successful was Napoleon Bonaparte's domestic policy between 1799 and 1815?
- 3 Account for the failure of the 1848 revolutions in Prussia
- 4 Examine the contribution of Camillo Cavour to the unification of Italy.
- 5 Discuss the events that led to the Congress of Berlin of 1878
- 6 To what was Russia's policy towards the Ottoman Empire responsible for the outbreak of the 1854-56 Crimean war?
- 7 "The alliance system was primarily responsible for the outbreak of world war I" Discuss
- 8 Assess the achievements of the Versailles settlement between 1919 and 1939
- 9 Examine the causes and effects of the 1917 Bolshevik revolutions in Russia
- 10 To what extent was NATO successful in maintaining peace in Europe between 1949 and 1970?

2002

- 1 Account for the collapse of the Ancien Régime in France by 1783.
- 2 To what extent was the Vienna settlement successful in maintaining peace in Europe between 1815 and 1848?
- 3 "Internal factors were primarily responsible for the delay in the unification of Italy" Discuss
- 4 Examine the causes and consequences of the 1821 Greek war of independence
- 5 Assess the impact of the Berlin congress of 1878 on Europe
- 6 To what extent was Serbia responsible for the outbreak of World War I in 1914?
- 7 "The viability of the Versailles Treaty was questionable right from the start". Discuss
- 8 Assess the achievements of Benito Mussolini between 1922 and 1943
- 9 Account for the downfall of Tsar Nicholas II in 1917
- 10 Examine the causes and consequences of the cold war between 1945 and 1970.



2001

1. *"Marie Antoinette was primarily responsible for the outbreak of the French revolution of 1789". Discuss*
2. *To what extent did the Directory government (1794-99) contribute to the rise of Napoleon Bonaparte to power in France?*
3. *Account for the collapse of the congress system by 1830.*
4. *Assess the contribution of Metternich to the stability of Europe between 1815 and 1848.*
5. *Assess the impact of the 1830 Belgian revolution on Europe.*
6. *"The policy of Tsar Nicholas I towards Turkey was primarily responsible for the outbreak of the Crimean war". Discuss*
7. *Account for the rise of fascism in Italy*
8. *Why did the League of Nations fail to achieve the objectives of its founders?*
9. *Account for the collapse of Tsardom in Russia in 1917*
10. *"Adolf Hitler's invasion of Austria was primarily responsible for the outbreak of world war II". Discuss*

2000

1. *To what extent was Louis XVI responsible for the outbreak of the French revolution of 1789?*
2. *"It was mainly Britain that was responsible for the downfall of Napoleon I". Discuss*
3. *Examine the causes and effects of the 1848 revolutions in Europe.*
4. *Account for the delay in the unification of Italy before 1850.*
5. *Examine the causes and consequences of the Straits Convention of 1841.*
6. *"Russia was primarily responsible for the outbreak of the Crimean war". Discuss*
7. *Examine the features of Bismarck's foreign policy between 1871 and 1890.*
8. *Why did the League of Nations fail to maintain peace in the inter-war period?*
9. *Assess the impact of World War II on Europe up to 1970.*
10. *Examine the causes of the 'cold war'*