



#### Question-1

Describe the problems faced by the Weimar Republic.

Solution:

1. After the defeat of Imperial Germany, the Weimar Republic came into existence. The Republic had a democratic constitution and a federal structure. The Republic was not well received by the people.
2. The Weimar Republic, faced many problems on all fronts-economic, social and political. It was held responsible for the defeat in the First World War. The Republic had to pay war compensation and this put the Republic in deep financial crisis. Germany had fought the war largely on loans and had to pay war reparations in gold. Subsequently gold reserves depleted and the value of the German Mark fell. Prices of essential commodities rose dramatically.
3. The Weimar Republic faced problems on the political front also. The constitution had many defects. The constitution gave the President the powers to impose emergency, suspend civil rights and rule by decree.
4. The Weimar Republic had 20 different cabinets within a short span of time. Soon people lost confidence in the democratic parliamentary system.

#### Question-2

Discuss why Nazism became popular in Germany by 1930.

Solution:

In 1919 Adolph Hitler took over the German Workers' Party and called it the Nazi Party, giving birth to Nazism in Germany. During the Great Economic Depression Nazism became very popular. The Nazi Propaganda which was very unique helped in making Nazism very popular. In his powerful speeches, Hitler promised to build a strong nation, restore the dignity of the Germans and provide employment for all. Numerous public meetings were held by the Nazi Party to instil unity among the people.

The red banners, the Nazi salute, and the rounds of applause attracted the people and Nazism became very popular. The Meetings projected Hitler as a saviour of Germany. The German people who were shattered after the First World War believed him.

#### Question-3

What are the peculiar features of Nazi thinking?

Solution:

Nazi ideologies were ...

1. There is no equality among people.
2. The Nordic German Aryans were the best race.
3. the Jews were considered the lowest race.
4. Nazism believed in the survival of the fittest.
5. New territories had to be captured to enhance the motherland.
6. New territories would enhance natural resources and make Germany a powerful nation.

When the Nazi Party came to power it began to implement these ideologies.

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