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Unit-2 Socialism in Europe and the Russian Revolution

Q1 Narrate the reasons for 1905 revolution in Russia?

Ans → The reasons for 1905 revolution in Russia are :-

- (i) Prices of essential goods rose so quickly that real wages declined by 20 percent.
- (ii) When four members of the Assembly of Russian workers, were dismissed at the Putilov Iron Works, there was a call for industrial action.
- (iii) Over the next few days over 110,000 workers in St Petersburg went on strike demanding a reduction in the working day to eight hours, an increase in wages and improvement in working conditions.
- (iv) When the procession of workers led by Father Gapon reached the Winter Palace

it was attacked by the police and the Cossacks. Over 100 workers were killed and about 300 wounded.

The incident, known as Bloody Sunday, started a series of events that became known as the 1905 revolution.

(v) Strikes took place all over the country and universities closed down when students, lawyers, doctors, engineers and other middle-class workers established the Union of Unions and demanded a constituent assembly.

Q What was the impact of first world war on Russia?

Ans -> ~~The~~ The Impact of war on Russia are :-

(i) Russia's own industries were few in number and the country was cut off from other suppliers of industrial goods by German control of the Baltic sea.

- (ii) Industrial equipment disintegrated more rapidly in Russia than elsewhere in Europe.
- (iii) By 1916, railway lines began to break down.
- (iv) Able-bodied men were called up to ~~serve~~ war. As a ~~result~~ result, there were labour shortages and small workshops producing essentials ~~were~~ ^{were} shut down.
- (v) Large supplies of grain were sent to feed the army. For the people in the cities, bread and flour became scarce.

Q3 What was the new name of St Petersburg?

Ans → The new name of St Petersburg is Petrograd.

Q4 Who were Juchidists?

Ans → The Muslim reformers within the Russian Empire were known as Juchidists.

Q5 What do you mean by Bloody Sunday?

Ans → When the procession of workers led by the ~~father~~ Father Gapon reached the Winter Palace it was attacked by the police and the Cossacks. Over 100 workers were killed and about 300 wounded. This incident is known as Bloody Sunday.

Q6 What is Duma?

Ans → The elected consultative Parliament created by Tsar Nicholas II & during the revolution of 1905 is known as Duma.