

- 1) Louis XVI belongs to which dynasty? When did French revolution begin
- 2) Name the taxes collected by Clergy & Nobility
- 3) When did French revolution begin
- 4) What was Subsistence Crisis in France? Mention its causes
- 5) Why was Bastille hated by all?
- 6) What was proposed by Montesquieu in the book Spirit of Laws?
- 7) How was French Society in 18th ce divided into?
- 8) What was the name of national anthem of France? Who composed it?
- 9) When was Slavery abolished in French colonies?
- 10) When was monarchy abolished and France declared a republic?

- 11) What was the immediate cause of French revolution?
- 12) The fall of Bastille marked the beginning of French revolution! Give a brief account of that event.
- 13) How did Napoleon rise to fame & power?
- 14) How did France become constitutional monarch? Why was women disappointed by constitution of 1791?
- 15) When and why did Louis XVI recognize the national Assembly? Why is 4th August 1789 significant?

Answers

- 1) Louis XVI belong to Bourbon Dynasty of kings.
French revolution begin in 1789

- 2) Taxes collected by clergy & nobility is called tithe
- 3) French revolution begin in 1789
- 4) Subsistence crisis is an extreme situation where the basic means of livelihood are endangered.
Causes of Subsistence Crisis:-
 - The population of France rose from 23 million in 1715 to 28 million in 1789.
 - This led to rapid increase of demand for foodgrain
 - Production of grains could not keep pace with the demand.
 - So the price of bread which was the staple diet of majority rose rapidly.
 - Most workers were employed as labourers in workshops whose owner fixed their wages. But the wages did not keep pace with the rise in price
 - So gap between the poor & rich widened
 - Things become worse whenever drought or hail reduced the harvest.

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5) Bastille was hated by all because it stood for the despotic power of the king.

6) In the book "The Spirit of the Laws" Montesquieu proposed a division of power within the government between the legislative, executive and judiciary.

7) French Society of 18th century was divided into 3 estates :-

1st estate - Clergy

2nd estate - Nobility

3rd estate - Big business men, merchants, Court officials, lawyers etc,

Peasants and artisans

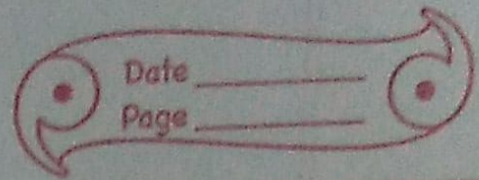
Small peasants, landless labour, servants

8) Name of the national anthem of France was Marseillaise and was composed by Roget de L'Isle.

9) Slavery was finally abolished in French colonies in 1848.

10) on 21 September 1792 it abolished the monarchy & declared France as republic.

- 11) Immediate cause of French revolution was Louis XVI had signed a constitution, he entered into a secret negotiations with the king of Prussia.
- 12) → A severe winter had meant a bad harvest, the price of bread rose, often bakers exploited the situation and hoarded supplies.
- In the countryside rumour spread from village to village that the lords of the manor had hired bands of brigands who were on their way to destroy ripe crops.
- Caught in a frenzy of fear, peasants in several districts seized hoes and pitch forks and attacked the tithes.
- They looted hoarded grains and burnt down documents containing records of manorial dues.
- A large no. of nobles fled from their homes, many migrated to neighbouring countries.



3) Taking the advantage of political instability of France Napoleon rise to fame & power

14) France become constitutional monarch when the national assembly draft the constitution & limited the power of kings.

Women were disappointed by constitution of 1791 because they did not get the right to vote according to constitution.

14) France became Constitutional Monarch

15) When Louis XVI finally accorded recognition to the national assembly and accepted the principle that his power will be checked by a constitution.

→ on the night of 4 August 1789, the assembly passed a decree abolishing feudal system of obligation & taxes.

→ Members of clergy were forced to give up their privilege.

→ Tithes were abolished & lands owned by the church were confiscated.