

2. The treaty of Versailles with the allies was a harsh and humiliating peace because

(i) Germany lost its overseas colonies, a tenth of its population, 13 percent of its territories, 75 percent of its iron and 26 percent of its coal to France, Poland, Denmark and Lithuania.

(ii) The Allied Power debilitated Germany to weaken its power.

(iii) The war guilt clause held Germany responsible for the war damages the Allied countries suffered.

(iv) Germany ^{was} forced to pay compensation amounting £ 6 billion.

(v) The allied armies also occupied the resource rich Rhineland for much of 1920s.