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# ENGLISH

## Revision- 12

### Christmas Truce

"It was 1914, the first year of world war I. The war had reached an impasse by winter. The soldiers on both sides were tired of the deaths and destruction that claimed many lives"

a) which world war is being talked about here?

Ans The world war I in 1914 is being talked about here.

b) why were the soldiers tired?

Ans The soldiers on the both side were tired of the deaths and destruction that claimed many lives.

c) Supply the meaning of 'impasse'.

Ans A difficult situation in which no progress can be made.

### Answer the questions

Q1) what strange and wonderful event happened on Christmas Eve?

Ans They celebrated Christmas together and that too, without any approval from the higher-ups. This was the strange and wonderful event that happened on Christmas Eve.

Q2) How did the German soldiers begin the Christmas celebration? How did the British respond?

Ans The Germans began the Christmas celebrating by planting Christmas trees on their front-line trenches and singing 'Stille Nacht'. The

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British responded from other side of the no man's land by singing 'The first 'Adeste Fideless Noel' and 'O come All Ye faithful', the Germans then joined in by singing the latin version of the song.

Q3) Why do you think the war reached an impasse by winter?

Ans The war reached an impasse by winter because neither had the two sides reached an agreement nor had one side secured a clear victory over the other.

Q4) Explain 'one human episode among all atrocities that have stained the memory of the war'

Ans It was the first time in the history of war that enemy sides joined hands and celebrated together during a truce.

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