

India & the Contemporary World - ICh-3 : Nazism & Rise of Hitler :Q & A : Answers :-

1. The 1st World War had a great impact on Europe by both psychologically & financially. Europe, from a continent of creditors turned into one of debtors. Unfortunately, Weimar Republic was being made to pay all the remaining debts. The republic also carried burden of guilt of war & national humiliation. Those who supported them (mainly socialists, catholics & democrats) came to be known as November Criminals. They were targeted because they became easy targets of attack in the conservative nationalist circles.

2. The 1st World War left a deep imprint on European society & polity. It had a devastating impact on the entire continent which is stated in the following points:

i. Soldiers were ranked higher than civilians in the society. Trench life of the



soldiers was glorified by the media.

ii.

Politicians & publicists laid great stress on the need for men to be aggressive & masculine.

iii.

Aggressive war propaganda & national honour occupied center stage in the public sphere.

iv.

People's support grew for the recently established dictatorships. Democracy as a young & fragile idea could not survive in the instabilities of inter-war Europe.