

#1. What was the status of Europe before WW1?

[1] Increasing belligerence+ mutual hostility + ultranationalism = factionalism.
[2] British Policy of Splendid isolation+ reduction of French power after Napoleon defeat and defeat by Prussia= power void; [3] Germany unification→ industrialization→ hegemon.

#2. What were the causes of WW1?

[1]Rise of Germany [2]Mutual Defense Alliances: The Triple Alliance-1882 Germany, Austria-Hungary and Italy + The Triple Entente, Britain, France, and Russia, concluded by 1907. [3]Colonial rivalry [4] Militarization [5] Ultranationalism [6] Role of Kaiser William II [7] Disintegration of ottoman empire [8]Pan Slav Movement.

#3. What was the immediate cause of WW1?

Archduke Franz Ferdinand, the heir to the throne of Austria-Hungary→ willing to merge Serbia with Austria→ major roadblock in Pan Slav movement→ assassinated by a Serbian in Sarjevo → Austria declared war on Serbia→ Russia declared war on Austria→ Germany declared war on Russia and Belgium→ Britain declared war on Germany.

#4. Why USA joined WW1?

[1]Submarine warfare killing US non-combatants [2] Cultural affiliation with Allies especially Britain [3] Economic ties [4] Mexico factor.

#5. How WW1 was an unprecedented war for mankind?

[1]War in the Trenches [2]Use of new war weapons [3] WW1 was total war [4] Participation of women and civilians [5] use of propaganda [6] Widespread loss of human lives [7] Economies devastated.

#6. How WW1 impacted India?

[1]WW1 ended myth of British invincibility [2]Indian soldiers exposure to western values and ideas [3]Rowlatt act in return of India's war efforts [4]October revolution→ rise of socialism and communism→ formation of CPI, CSP, AITUC, India independence league in India [5]rise of food prices and other essential things [6]impetus to domestic industries and commercial crops. [7] Participation of Indian soldiers(70 thousand) and revenue resources from India

#7. How WW1 impacted the world?

- 1) **Social impact:** decline of birth rates+ loss of million lives+ change in the role of women+ refugee problem.
- 2) **Economic impact:** [1]collapse of European economy→ inflation and unavailability of essential goods [2] USA emerged as major economic powerhouse.
- 3) **Political impact:** [1] downfall of four monarchies: Germany, Turkey, Austria-Hungary and Russia [2] anti-democratic extreme right wing

political ideologies got promoted [3] anti colonialism and anti-imperialism [4] growth of nationalism [5] inter-national animosity [6] need for supra-national institute [7] Worker's right Movement

- 4) **Other impacts of WW1:** spread of influenza+ modern warfare+ boost to innovation.