

ANSWER WRITING CHALLENGE - WORLD HISTORY

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Ques - Analyse the effect of World War II on global polity, economy, society and science and technology (250 words)

Ans - The Second World War was a major transformative event of the 20th century. Large amount of physical capital was destroyed through 6 years of ground battles and bombings. Its aftermath was the beginning of a new era defined by the decline of all European colonial empires and simultaneous rise of two superpowers: the USSR and the USA.

It affected the economy, society, polity, science and technology globally.

I. SCIENCE AND TECHNOLOGY

- ① Electronic computers were developed
- ② A radar-navigation system called LORAN emerged which is a precursor for GPS
- ③ Advancement in medical technology was seen like Penicillin was mass produced.
- ④ Aviation medicine allowed people to fly safely at high altitude for long periods
- ⑤ Scientists worked to identify which vitamins and minerals were essential for a healthy body and in what amount.

II. SOCIETY

- ① Domestic war effort in the US swept millions of women into the workforce.
- ② Women worked in industries, farms and factories.
- ③ Advancements were made in education, health care, transportation, communication and other fields.
- ④ Standard of living rose, dressing style changed, new modes of entertainment like American radio was introduced.
- ⑤ Idea of liberalisation increased.

III. ECONOMY

- ① Emergence of economic regulators namely GATT, IMF.
- ② Many European nations were on the verge of complete destruction and had to take loans for development.
- ③ Formation of World Bank and IMF (collectively called Bretton Woods Institutions).

IV. GLOBAL POLITY

- ① In order to maintain world peace in future and avoid such wars, United Nations was formed.
- ② Initiation of cold war between US & USSR. They became superpowers.

③ Many independent nations came up.

④ end of colonialism, with colonies pushing for independence..

Hence, it is considered as the deadliest military conflict in the history causing huge deaths ~~and~~ along with ~~many~~ impacting various spheres on a global level. It teaches us a lesson for maintaining better international peace and harmony in future.