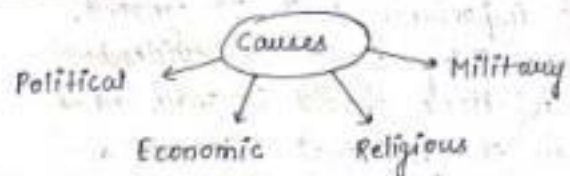


Q. Describe the causes, nature & effects of Revolt of 1857. (250 words)

Ans. The Revolt of 1857 was a magnificent revolt as such a large scale revolt against the Britishers was observed for the first time.

Causes :-



Political - Many heirs to the throne of princely states were dethroned on account of Doctrine of Lapse.

Economic - Various revenue settlement systems like Permanent Settlement, Ryotwari Settlement etc frustrated the peasants & it led to the rise of landless labours.

Religious - Certain reforms introduced by Britishers were seen as a threat to Hinduism

& Islam.

Military - Indian sepoy in army were not promoted above the rank of subedar. further, they were the victims of racial discrimination.

NATURE :-

There are myriad views regarding its nature -

- ① Some people suggests that it was more than a sepoy mutiny as it included a no. of civilians.
- ② Some people regard it as 1st war of independence but prior to it, there were many small uprisings observed against British rule.
- ③ Also some review it as a national struggle but it should be noted that it was not fought for a single entity (India).

EFFECTS :-

- The Company rule ended & Crown raj started
- the post of Governor General was converted into Viceroy.
- Post of Secretary for State of

India was created & to assist him
, 15 member Indian Council was
formed.

→ Proportion of Indian soldiers in
army reduced.

→ British decided to respect the
customs & traditions of Indians.

Therefore, we can conclude that
although the revolt failed but it
became an inspiration for future
generations. It sowed the seeds of
nationalism & immortalized the names
of leaders.