

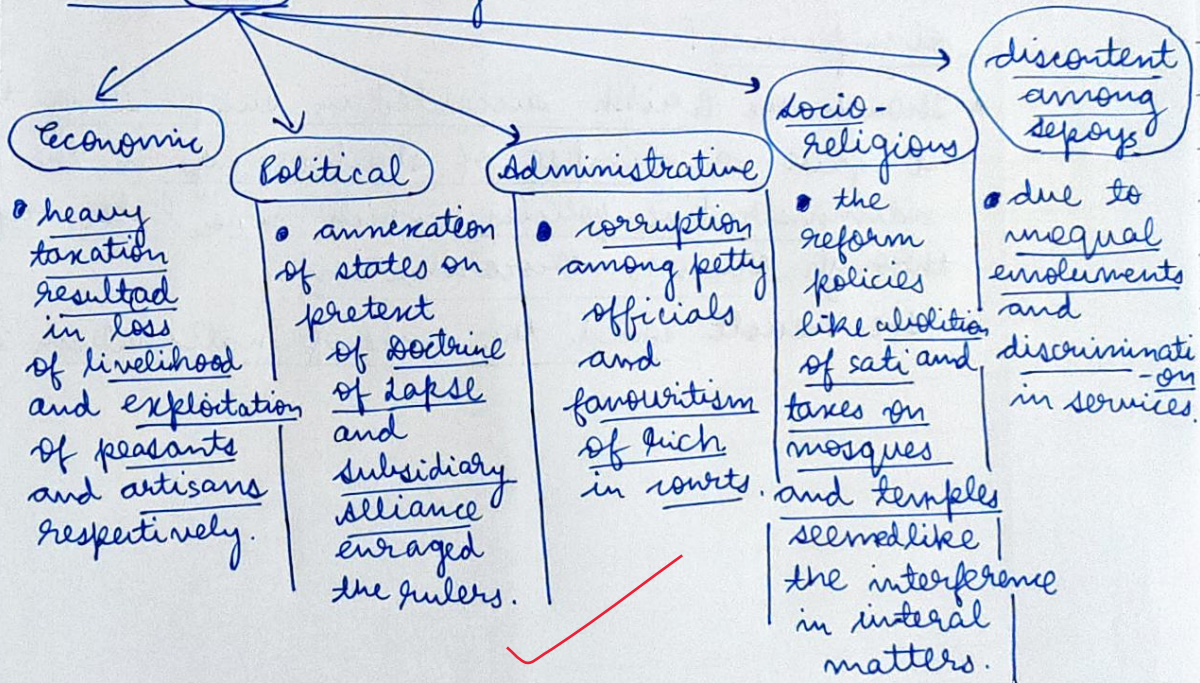
Q.) The greased cartridges only supplied the occasion for the revolt. Explain.

→ The renowned revolt of 1857 started in Meerut on 10 May and later spread to Punjab in North, regions around Narmada, Bihar and Rajputana in the west. It was done by the sepoys supported by some natives and headed by leaders like Nana Sahib, Junwar Singh, Begum Hazrat Mahal and many more.

This revolt was an acme of the ongoing rebellions in the country done by peasants, tribals and some zamindars.

Causes of the revolt :-

main cause :- Heavy taxation



● High tariff duties on Indian made goods declined the Indian Merchantile class and the workforce became unemployed.

● Their aim of colonising drained the Indian wealth, resources and heritage.



- The General Service Enlistment Act, 1856, added to the misery of sepoy (Awadh).
- There were rumours of mixing bone dust in atta and cartridges being made from cow and pig fat.

Immediate cause :-

The introduction of Enfield Rifle which required the greased cartridges was the fuel that was added to ~~the~~ the simmering fire of simmering discontent to come out in the open. As a result, the 3rd Native Cavalry refused to accept the same and their resentment surfaced. This only supplied the oasis.

Significance :-

- Though the British succeeded in suppressing the revolt, it gave a glimpse of shortcomings in the British administrative policies which were later reformed through Queen's Proclamation.
- The revolt sowed the seeds of nationalism in India.

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