

NAPOLÉON BONAPARTE - THE FRENCH EMPEROR

1. Write short notes on the following topics :-

- a. Peninsular War b. Battle of Leipzig.

2. Answer the following questions :-

- a. When was Napoleon forced to abdicate the throne? Where was Napoleon exiled to?
- b. In which year did Napoleon escape from his exile? Where did he go? How many supporters did he have?
- c. What do you know about Napoleon's Hundred Days Campaign?

3. Write down the importance of the following years -

- (a) June 1815 (b) June 16, 1815 (c) 18th June, 1815
(d) 22nd June 1815. (e) October 1815 (f) 5th May, 1821.

4. Evaluate Napoleon's character as a leader.

1. - Short Note :-

(a) PENINSULAR WAR

At the time of Russian invasion, the French forces were engaged in the Peninsular War (1808-1814) which resulted in the Spanish and the Portuguese driving out of the French from the Iberian Peninsula.

(b) BATTLE OF LIPZIG -

In the Battle of Leipzig Napoleon's forces were defeated by a coalition that included Austria, Prussia, Russia and Sweden. Napoleon then retreated to France and in March 1814, the coalition forces captured Paris.

2. (a) In April 1814, Napoleon was forced to abdicate the throne.

Napoleon was exiled to Elba, a Mediterranean island off the coast of Italy.

(b) In February 1815, after less than a year in exile, Napoleon escaped Elba.

He sailed to the French mainland with a group of more than 1000 supporters.

(c) On March 20th, Napoleon returned to Paris where he was welcomed by cheering crowd. The new King Louis XVIII fled, and Napoleon began what came to be known as his Hundred Days Campaign.

3. (a) June 1815 - Napoleon's forces invaded Belgium, where the British and Prussian forces were stationed.

(b) June 16, 1815 - Napoleon's troops defeated the Prussians at the Battle of Ligny.

(c) 18th June, 1815 - At the Battle of Waterloo, the French were crushed by the British.

(d) 22nd June, 1815 - Napoleon was once again forced to abdicate.

(e) October 1815 - Napoleon was exiled to British Island of Saint Helena, in South Atlantic Ocean.

(f) 5th May, 1821 - Napoleon died at the age of 51.

4. Napoleon was typical of the enlightenment and ready to perceive situations in a different light. He claimed that he was the true son of French Revolution. Napoleon was a saviour who carried liberty, equality and fraternity to outside France. He is considered to be one of the most brilliant leaders in Modern society.