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To what extent can Germany be held responsible for causing the two World Wars? Discuss critically.

UPSC Civil Services Mains 2015 · GS I · 12 marks · History of the World

History of the world will include events from the 18th century such as industrial revolution, world wars, redrawing of national boundaries, colonization, decolonization, political philosophies like communism, capitalism, socialism etc. - their forms and effect on the society.

Facts & figures for this PYQ only.

Numbers move. Confirm the latest Budget, Economic Survey or census round. This sheet is for revision, not a substitute for the model answer.

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Blank cheque, July 1914

German backing for Austria against Serbia that widened the July crisis.

Schlieffen Plan

German war plan to hit France through Belgium, drawing in Britain.

Fischer thesis

Argument that German elites sought a bid for power that helped cause 1914.

Invasion of Poland, 1939

German attack that began the European war after years of treaty-breaking.

Nazi-Soviet Pact, 1939

Agreement that cleared the way to partition Poland; it shares timing, not Hitler's core aim.

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