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Ans. Robespierre's government issued laws placing a maximum ceiling on wages and prices. Meat and bread were rationed. Peasants were forced to transport their grain to the cities and sell it at prices fixed by the government. The use of more expensive white flour was forbidden. Equality was also sought to be practised through forms of speech and address. Churches were shut down and their buildings converted into barracks or offices. Robespierre pursued his policies so relentlessly that even his supporters began to demand moderation. Finally, he was convicted by a court in July 1794, arrested and on the next day sent to the guillotine.

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Ans. i. On the morning of 14 July 1789, the city of Paris was in a state of alarm. The king had commanded troops to move into the city.
ii. Rumours spread that he would soon order the army to open fire upon the citizens.
iii. Some 7,000 men and women gathered in front of the town hall and decided to form a peoples' militia.
iv. They broke into a number of government buildings in search of arms.
v. Finally, a group of several hundred people marched towards the eastern part of the city and stormed the fortress-prison, the Bastille.