

The French Revolution

Q1. What measures had been taken by Robespierre to remove discrimination in French society?

Ans. Maximilian Robespierre was the leader of Jacobin club.

Measures taken

- i. Robespierre's government issued laws placing a maximum ceiling on wages and prices.
- ii. Meat and bread were rationed. Peasants were forced to transport their grain to the cities and sell it at prices fixed by the government.
- iii. The use of more expensive white flour was forbidden; all citizens were required to eat the pain d'égalité (equality bread), a loaf made of whole wheat.
- iv. Equality was also sought to be practised through forms of speech and address.
- v. Instead of the traditional Monsieur (Sir) and Madame (Madam) all French men and women were henceforth Citoyen and Citoyenne (Citizen).
- vi. Churches were shut down and their buildings converted into barracks or offices.