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Ans. Role of Jacobins during the French Revolution

- i. The most successful of these clubs was that of the Jacobins, which got its name from the former convent of St Jacob in Paris.
- ii. The members of the Jacobin club belonged mainly to the less prosperous sections of society. They included small shopkeepers and artisans.
- iii. Their leader was Maximilian Robespierre.
- iv. A large group among the Jacobins decided to start wearing long striped trousers to set themselves apart from the fashionable sections of society, especially nobles, who wore knee breeches.
- v. These Jacobins came to be known as the sans-culottes, literally meaning those without knee breeches. Sansculottes men wore in addition the red cap that symbolised liberty.
- vi. On the morning of August 10 they stormed the Palace of the Tuileries, massacred the king's guards and held the king himself as hostage for several hours.
- vii. Elections were held. The newly elected assembly was called the Convention. On 21 September 1792 it abolished the monarchy and declared France a republic.