

World War I (28 July 1914 – 11 Nov, 1918)

Condition of Europe

① Secret Alliances

- ① Russia with Austria-Hungary
- ② Triple Alliance of 1882
- ③ Russia & France, 1894 against ↑
- ④ France with Britain
- ⑤ Russia with Britain

② Social factors — inequality within Europe

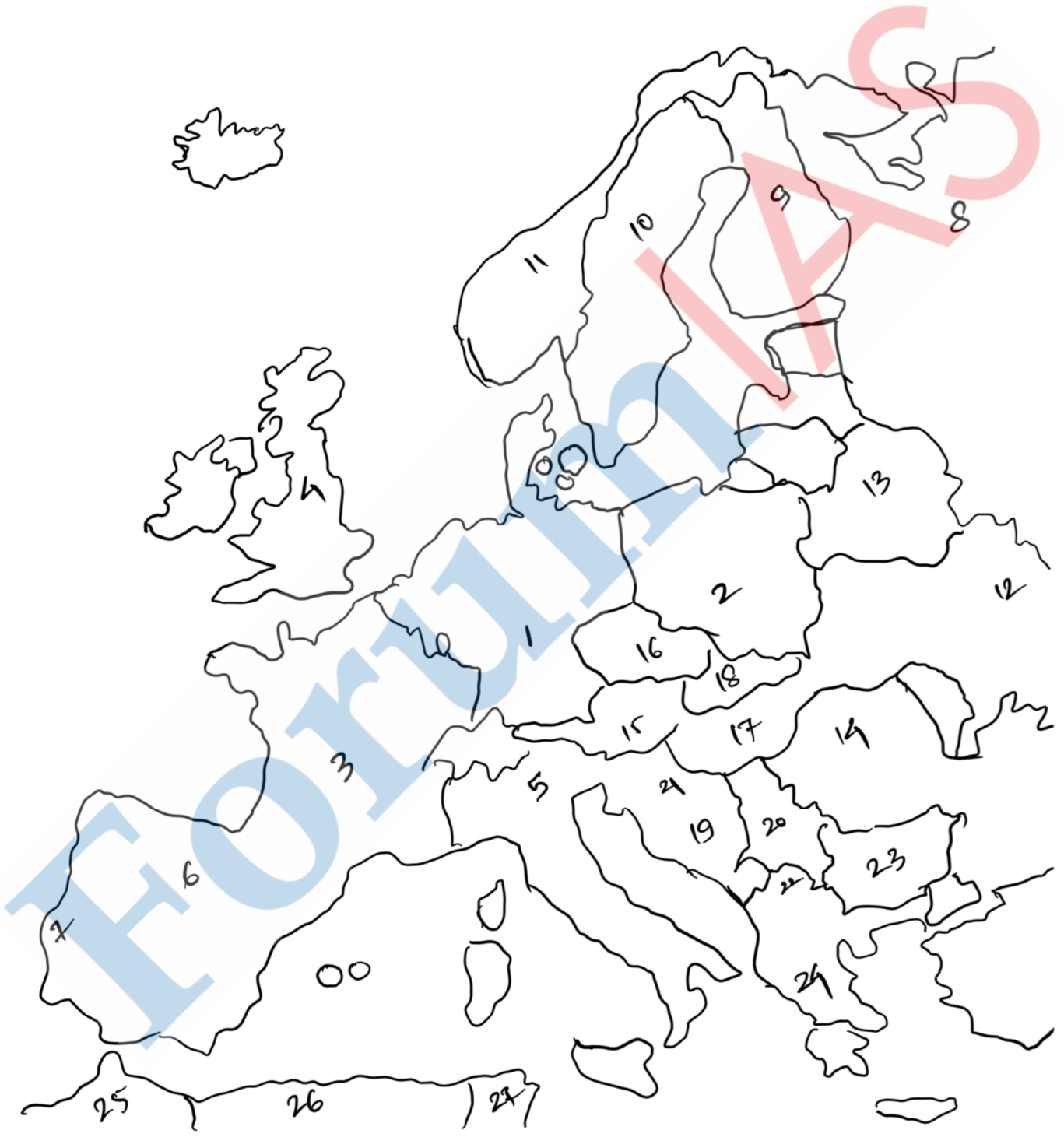
poverty, unemployment

③ Socialist Movements

Trade unionism
 Rise of socialist parties
 Germany, France, Italy
 [single largest party
 were socialist]

④ Rise of Nationalism

Map of Europe - practice sheet





Map of Europe

Note position of Germany, Belgium, Austria, Macedonia, Albania

Causes of first world war

- ① Alliance system
 - Triple alliance
 - Triple Entente
- ② Naval Rivalry b/w Germany & Britain
- ③ Economic greed perpetuated by Capitalism
- ④ Russian backing of Serbia made her reckless
- ⑤ German blank cheque
- ⑥ Schlieffen Plan
- ⑦ Miscalculation by state holders.
 - Austria
 - Germany
 - Russia
- ⑧ War is heroism

Important events preceding the first World War

① Moroccan Crisis of 1905-1906

Germany felt threatened by Anglo-French unity
found itself isolated
Entente Cordiale was real

② British - Russia agreement of 1907

- fear of encirclement

③ Bosnian Crisis of 1908

- annexation of Bosnia by Austria
- Russia could not help Serbia
- Serbia became hostile to Austria

Agadir Crisis of 1911

- part of Morocco
- Morocco became French protectorate
- victory of Triple Entente

First Balkan War of 1912

Balkan League attacked Turkey
Albania wanted by Serbia. made independent

Second Balkan War (1913)

- Bulgaria not happy with Peace settlement
 - attacked Serbia for capture of Macedonia
 - led to loss & Treaty of Bucharest
 - Serbia stronger; Austria threatened;
- British support to German stand against Austria → seen as lack of unity in F

Assassination of Franz Ferdinand in 1914

- Austrian ultimatum
- German blank cheque.



Notable points

- 1 Schlieffen Plan failed
- 2 Russia mobilised quickly
- 3 Battle of Verdun (1916)
- 4 Battle of Somme
- 5 Russia withdrew from war (Bolshevik Revolution)
- 6 Entry of USA
 - ↳ German U-boat campaign
 - ↳ German advances to Mexico
 - ↳ overthrow of Tsar
 - ↳ brought men, money, material & morale

Causes of loss of war by Central Powers

- 1 Failure of Schlieffen Plan
- 2 Entry of USA
- 3 Allied sea power was superior
- 4 Convoy system of Britain
- 5 German allies were weak.

Outcomes of World War I

- ① Creation of League of Nations
- ② Peace Treaties
- ③ Rise of Communism in Russia
- ④ Rise of USA as a hegemon
- ⑤ Collapse of Empires
 - Hasburg empire
 - German empire
 - Ottoman empire
- ⑥ New Nation states were born
- ⑦ Changed opinion about war