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Advanced Level Examination



HISTORY

HS4G

Unit 4

Alternative G: Germany, c1880–c1980

Monday 18 June 2007 9.00 am to 10.30 am

For this paper you must have:

- a 12-page answer book.

Time allowed: 1 hour 30 minutes

Instructions

- Use blue or black ink or ball-point pen.
- Write the information required on the front of your answer book. The *Examining Body* for this paper is AQA. The *Paper Reference* is HS4G.
- Answer **two** questions.
Answer Question 1 and **one** other question.
- In answering the questions you must use your own knowledge and understanding of the period.

Information

- The maximum mark for this paper is 50.
- The marks for questions are shown in brackets.
- You will be marked on your ability to use good English, to organise information clearly and to use specialist vocabulary where appropriate.

Advice

- You are advised to spend about 45 minutes on each question.
- In answering both Question 1(b) in Section A and your choice of question from Section B, you are advised to draw on an appropriate range of historical knowledge and skills, to demonstrate overall historical understanding for the synoptic assessment requirements for this question paper.

Answer Question 1 and **one** other question.

SECTION A: THE ECONOMIC MODERNISATION OF GERMANY, c1880–c1980

You must answer this question.

- 1** Study the following source material and then answer the questions which follow.

Source A

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Source B Adapted from Hitler's election manifesto, broadcast February 1933

The national government will develop the following plans. Within four years the German worker must be torn from his impoverishment. Within four years unemployment must be finally cured. The parties of Marxism and its competitors were given fourteen years to prove their capability. The result has been a disaster. Now, German people, give us four years, and then deliver your verdict and judge us. We do not seek to fight for ourselves, but for Germany!

Source C

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- (a) Use **Sources B** and **C** and your own knowledge.

How useful are **Sources B** and **C** in explaining the reasons for the Nazis' economic measures in the years 1933 to 1939? *(10 marks)*

- (b) Use **Sources A, B, C** and **D** and your own knowledge.

'Despite the boasts of its leaders, the German economy encountered many setbacks during the years 1880–1980.'
Assess the validity of this view. *(20 marks)*

Turn over for the next question

SECTION B: THE THIRD REICH AND ITS LEGACY, 1933–1963

Answer **one** question from this section.

- 2 ‘Goebbels, not Hitler or the other Nazi barons, should take the credit for the establishment of the Nazi dictatorship in the years 1933 to 1939.’
Assess the validity of this view. *(20 marks)*
- 3 ‘The war between 1939 and 1945 had a far greater effect on the lives of ordinary German people than did the establishment of National Socialism from 1933.’
Assess the validity of this view. *(20 marks)*
- 4 To what extent was Walter Ulbricht successful in carrying out both his political and his economic policies in East Germany between 1949 and 1963? *(20 marks)*

END OF QUESTIONS

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