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History

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Unit 2N Anti-Semitism, Hitler and the German People, 1919–1945

Thursday 20 January 2011 9.00 am to 10.30 am

For this paper you must have:

- an AQA 12-page answer book.

Time allowed

- 1 hour 30 minutes

Instructions

- Use black ink or black 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 HIS2N.
- Answer **two** questions.
Answer Question 1 and **either** Question 2 **or** Question 3.
- In answering the questions you must use your own knowledge and understanding of the period.

Information

- The marks for questions are shown in brackets.
- The maximum mark for this paper is 72.
- You will be marked on your ability to:
 - use good English
 - organise information clearly
 - use specialist vocabulary where appropriate.

Advice

- You are advised to spend about 45 minutes on each question.

Answer Question 1 and **either** Question 2 **or** Question 3.

Question 1

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

Source A Goebbels had been one of the most important and most senior of the Party activists, pressing Hitler on numerous occasions to take radical action on the 'Jewish Question'. In the Security Police, Heydrich's role was, if anything, probably more important even than Himmler's. Heydrich had been responsible for gradually
5 converting an ideological position to an extermination plan. Many others, at different levels of the regime, had contributed in greater or lesser measure to the process of radicalisation. Hitler's role had often been indirect. It had consisted of authorising more than directing. Nevertheless, there can be no doubt about it: Hitler's role had been decisive and indispensable in the road to the 'Final Solution'.

Adapted from I KERSHAW, *Hitler 1936–1945: Nemesis*, 2000

Source B Hitler's anti-semitic stance cannot by itself explain the persecution and murder of the European Jews by the Nazi Regime. A history of the 'Final Solution' must nevertheless take into account his central role in the decision-making process, not least because Hitler's constant authorisation of this policy reinforced the central
5 importance of persecuting the Jews, for National Socialist policies as a whole. An account of Hitler's role in the development of the 'Final Solution' is complicated by the fact that the dictator avoided the use of explicit written orders relating to the murder of the Jews, and only issued oral instructions on the subject to a single individual.

Adapted from P LONGERICH, *The Unwritten Order: Hitler's Role in the Final Solution*, 2001

Source C Hitler left it to his subordinates to carry out whatever measures they considered appropriate on their own initiative. Himmler appears to have played a key role. As the head of the SS, the organisation officially responsible for carrying out the 'Final Solution', he seems to have taken the lead in approving and encouraging
5 the particular initiatives and action taken by his own subordinates on the ground. However, since Himmler showed total obedience to Hitler, he must have sought Hitler's approval. We know that Himmler was in regular contact with Hitler during 1941–2 and that the Jews were discussed on a number of occasions. However, we lack documentary evidence to determine how, when, and even if, any single decision
10 was taken.

Adapted from *Nazism 1919–45, Volume 3: Foreign Policy, War and Racial Extermination*, ed J NOAKES and C PRIDHAM, 2001

0 1 Use **Sources A** and **B** and your own knowledge.

How far do the views in **Source B** differ from those in **Source A** in relation to Hitler's role in the persecution of the Jews? *(12 marks)*

0 2 Use **Sources A, B** and **C** and your own knowledge.

How far was the SS responsible for the extermination of Europe's Jews in the years 1941 to 1945? *(24 marks)*

EITHER

Question 2

0 3 Explain why the Nazis introduced sterilisation laws. *(12 marks)*

0 4 'The Nazi commitment to racial purity was the main cause of the persecution of the Jews in the years 1933 to 1939.'
Explain why you agree or disagree with this view. *(24 marks)*

OR

Question 3

0 5 Explain why Hitler linked Jews with communism. *(12 marks)*

0 6 'There was a high level of anti-semitism in Germany in the years 1919 to 1929.'
Explain why you agree or disagree with this view. *(24 marks)*

END OF QUESTIONS

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