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Introduction

In nearly all of the examination scripts candidates had completed the required number of questions and there were very few entirely blank pages. There were almost no rubric offences such as answering both questions 3 and 4 or combining a) and b) sections from both questions 5 and 6. There was a wide variation in the numbers choosing specific questions; approximately three-quarters of candidates choose question 3 rather than question 4 and a similar proportion chose question 6 in preference to question 5. Although the numbers choosing the optional element of Question 2 are not available as data gathered from scanned answer booklets it was clear that the vast majority of students chose Goebbels rather than Himmler. This was largely to be expected as Goebbels has been the focus of previous examination questions whereas Himmler was not explicitly mentioned in the previous specification.

This was the first examination of the revised 'strengthened' specification. The main change for this Depth Study Unit was the altered nature of the stimulus material in questions 3, 4, 5b and 6b to two short bullet points and the mark scheme requirement for candidates to use information beyond the stimulus material to reach the higher marks within Levels 2 and 3 for questions 3, 4, 5b, 6b. In 5b and 6b information beyond the stimulus is needed to enter Level 4. What was clearly noticeable is that some candidates were clearly answering a previously set question. This meant that their response might have had sufficient and accurate details but did not show an understanding of the focus of the set question and consequently was awarded very low Level 3 or high level 2.

The vast majority of candidates were able to make a valid supported inference from the source about bank notes becoming almost worthless. Weaker responses tended to make a comment about the content of the source without making an inference or made an inference without explicit support from the source.

Some candidates made invalid inferences about the rich having too much money, mistook the fire for a safe, that the notes were items of propaganda or that the woman was a communist. There were still some candidates that scored zero with lengthy and often accurate descriptions of Germany during hyperinflation but made no reference at all to the source. Such responses cannot be rewarded as this question has to assessed with Assessment Objective 3 - comprehension and source inference.

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The candidate has made an inference from the source about the money being worthless. It is supported from the source with the woman burning the money as well as not keeping them safe.

The vast majority of candidates chose Goebbels. Candidates gaining access to level 3 were able to show how his role in government as Minister of Propaganda, together with strict censorship, were means to control the German people. Responses at level 3 were also clear in only focusing on Goebbels role in the government and did not write accounts about his role in the Nazi Party's rise to power. Answers at this level often supported their explanations with some of the following: specific examples of propaganda such as 'The Eternal Jew', details of his control of the media, demands for the mass production of cheap radios and the 1936 Berlin Olympics. There were also some examples of Goebbels control of Germany during the Second World War often citing his 'Total War' speech. Level 2 responses were more descriptive accounts of the individual and Nazi propaganda without an explicit focus on the control aspect of the question. Many of these responses also included comments on Goebbels and the Nazi Party prior to forming the government and the ways in which he helped the NSDAP make electoral gains. Level 1 answers gave general comments such as 'he supported Hitler' or 'he made poster' as well as the occasional candidates who described his physical appearance or extra-marital affairs. There were also some students who believed Goebbels controlled the Hitler Youth, set up the Wannsee meeting or was responsible for the Final Solution.

There were some excellent responses at level 3 which included Himmler's leadership of the SS, his support for the purging of the SA in June 1934, and his control of the Nazis' concentration and death camps. Candidates showed how Himmler's deliberate expansion of the SS and its direct supervision of the Gestapo meant that

Nazi Germany, from its almost very beginnings to final days was a police state. Himmler was therefore responsible for leading the state apparatus which tightly controlled the entire German population. Some candidates at this level also showed that it is generally accepted, although not proven, that it was mainly Himmler that determined the Nazi government's change in policy towards the Jews from resettlement in the ghettos to extermination. In level 2 candidates often gave lengthy descriptions of various features of the Nazi police state such the work of the SS, the Gestapo and the use of concentration camps. These responses tended to refer to Himmler only at the very start and then often gave lengthy descriptions of various features of the Nazi police state such the work of the SS, the Gestapo and the use of concentration camps and with a less explicit explanation on how these features allowed the individual chosen and Nazi government to control Germany. There were very few level 1 responses but there were some unrewardable comments which clearly confused Himmler with Hindenburg and a few examples where Himmler and the SS were killed during the Night of the Long Knives.

2 The boxes below show two individuals.

Choose one and explain his role in the Nazi government's control of Germany in the years 1933-45.

Goebbels

Himmler

Tosef Greebbels was the Minister of Enlightenment and Propaganda in Nazi Germany during this time period.

This made him responsible for all propaganda in Nazi Germany.

His department made sure that all of Germany was constantly being exposed to and indoctionated by Nazi ideology Propaganda come in many forms there were the Sterestypical posters (e.g. Ein Volh, Ein Reich, Ein Fuhrer!") radio channels and public speeches which all preached Nazi ideals directly Nozi beliefs were also incorporated into music, art, books and films, as all Jewish or onti-nazi media was prohibited and pro-Nazi media became very successful Cinemas often showed propaganda films but the majority of it was spent Ba showing entertainment films with Subtle Nazi messages. By constantly exposing the German People to Nazi beliefs, support for Hitler rose, and cemented his control over The German people. In 1933, Hiter had become Chancellor, and Support for him was rising. However, he still didn't yet have equite enough power 45 or support to become the Fuhrer. Geebbels propaganda portrayed Hitler as a god-like figure, which played on the fact that Germany had bost a great leader

(Gus law Smesemann) and had promptly been thrust into an economic crisis. Stresemann's successes and Hindunburg's failures consed the average German to believe mat a strong leader would revine Germany, and Hitter Goobbels portrayed Hitter as that very person.

Goelbels' propag and a also helped to portray the Reichstrag fire as the work of communists, which helped to dement Hitler's power by removing support from one of his biggest sources of opposition.

Goebbels propaganda also helped to maintain power after becoming the Fibrer. Anti-semilic and antiCommunist nessages nept support for anti-nazi groups
at a minimum, and encaraged the people to spy an on
each other.

Overall, Goebbels only in censorship, propaganda
and his control over the public lept wazi control in
Crem and by playing en people's beliefs and wring them
against each other.



This is a high level 3 response. It has a clear focus on the set question on the role of Goebbels in the Nazi government's control of Germany. The response is supported with a range of examples.



Candidates should remember that their response should be focused on the issue in the main part of the question above the two boxes. Question 2 uses a variety of forms including the names of individuals, key events, factors, themes and group within society.

Nearly all of the responses at Levels 2 and 3 included varying degrees of accurate and relevant details on both the stimulus points - The German Communist Party (KPD) and the Emergency Laws. The feature of Hitler's increasing power in the years 1933-34 most commonly referred to in addition to those prompted by the stimulus material was the Enabling Act and some candidates wrote about more police powers and the March 1933 election. Level 3 answers focused clearly on how the Reichstag Fire led to the Nazis being able to create a climate of fear regarding a communist threat to Germany and how this led to the passing of the Emergency Laws, more police powers and the increase in power gained with the Enabling Act. At Level 2 many candidates described the events of the Fire and frequently explained the various theories of who was responsible. Level 1 responses were often a short description of van der Lubbe or simple comments about communists being blamed. A common misunderstanding by a significant number of candidates was confusion between the Emergency Laws and the Enabling Act.

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Chosen Question Number: Question 3 Question 4 \(\text{\text{\text{\text{\text{\text{Question 4}}}}}\)
Whether the Mazi's were responsiable for the
Reichstan Fine is questionable but it
Certainy beload Hitler increase his power
The Fire was blammed on a Ditch
communist found arms inside the
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angle to his aductor as
it enabled him to get rid of
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The removal or the commises increased Hillers power because it lead to a overrease in the KPD'S support as increased the wazi's support at hups Hille to acheve his goal of bery croppost great Leader of Geman. The result from the Reichstong Fine was the Emergency laws that flittle was given by President Hindenbury. Hitle was given 4 years of enopposed dictatorship ove German to improve the Situation and make the only Strong. This increased his pow massiven and gave him the total Control he worked. Hitler was give new pours in ord to protect German which enable him to basicary remove his apposion. Concat ration Camps were introduct, the first being Dachi in the 1930's which was the co're-educate people. Arbital power of cried was. given to the SS So people

could be creted and province Conentration Comps with no produce of honey day or a trial-This heat Hitle coul simply has again who opposed him amosted, thus amort Comprety remany en public Opposein of his Regiene. Hitlers power was increased because Of a lack of appolation of the appeared that he was improve he country gains him mass support. thithe was given total control Ox Germany at was abuto kn i't his way. The Peichston five & lead to all or these evats and enabled title to become Strong al inopposed beone as a cnopped lead Who was Making Geoma He had botal control or make whater Chages he was,



This response is high Level 3. It focuses on the set question and the explanation is supported with accurate and relevant details. Although not explicitly mentioned the response clearly refers to the Enabling Law. The response therefore covers the 1933-34 date range in the set question.



When dates are given in the question candidates should try to ensure that they cover the full period. Frequently candidates also write outside of the time frame stipulated in the set question. Whilst marks are not deducted, it means that candidates are wasting valuable examination time by included material which cannot be credited.

Nearly all of the responses at Levels 2 and 3 included varying degrees of accurate and relevant details on both the stimulus points - Pastor Niemöller and the July Bomb plot. The individuals and opposition groups most commonly referred to in addition to those prompted by the stimulus material were the White Rose Group, the Edelweiss Pirates, Bishop Galen and Bonhoeffer. There were also some responses which used ghetto uprisings as an example for opposition to the Nazi government. Level 3 responses focused on the ways in which the Nazi government were opposed and some very skilful answers were explicitly organised in terms of various methods used. These responses typically explained the secret handing out of leaflets by the White Rose Group, those such as Niemöller that spoke out in public, acts of not conforming to the Nazi government's ideals to the assassination attempt on Hitler in the July 1944 Bomb Plot. On the White Rose Group specifically Level 3 responses emphasised that the movement wanted to make the German public aware of what was happening to Jews in occupied parts of eastern Europe and that Hitler was needlessly sacrificing soldiers in an increasingly futile conflict with the USSR.

Level 2 answers were predominantly narrative or descriptive accounts and would for example narrate the distribution of leaflets, arrest by the caretaker, trial and execution of Hans and Sophie Scholl. Similarly many students could give a short biography of Niemöller or tell the story of the July Bomb Plot. These responses often remained in level 2 because the methods were not sufficiently developed or the student drifted into areas such as why the individual or group failed or how successful they were in opposing the Nazi government. Level 1 answers were usually a simple statement on the means used to oppose the Nazi government together with a detail about the individual or group.

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Chosen Question Number: Question 3 Question 4
Many people tried to resist the Wazi government when they were in power.
The Edelweiss Pirates were a group of young students who repused to conform to Nazi ideals. They wanted freedom of speech. The youths listened to American Music and were set against the Hiter youth especially. Members of he group would hunt down Mitter Youth and beat hem up. This was heir way of opposing he Nazi government

The Confessional Churan was set upand after Hitter come to power in 1933. Martin Niemöller insisted that the Nazis were not religious and that the Nazis churanes were putting. Hitler before God. In his semans he would wan the congregation of the Nazis powers. He said may were evil. The Confessional Church did not agree with what the Nazis were laying about race discrimination or allow superiority. Postor Niemöller preached arti-Nazi messages publicly and, as a result, was sent to a concentration camp in 1938.

In July 1944 Hitler & was almost assassinated.

attempted This was the biggest threat to me
porty so far. Middle class men (who were
army officials and the like) opposed Hitler's
ideals and they recrease met up
regularly. They decided to trive Hitler. A
bomb was placed in a suitcase that was
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placed next to Hitler's a meeting. The bomb
went off but was not successful in
kiving him. 5,000 people were to the suitcase
as a resourt of Hitler's fury

The Rose Group was another opposition group. They consisted of university Audents like Sophie Scholl and her brother Haws.

They resisted the German government by handing out anti-Nazi wagnets. They were secretive. The group also net up regularly to clicus what the Nazis were doing They tried to expose the pary's weaknesses in the fries and make people aware of concentration camps.

Political opporants also tried to resist the Nazi government by voting against them but they were overpowered and many were sent to concentration camps.



This response is full marks. It covers a wide range of methods that were used by both groups and individuals to oppose the Nazi government. The range of examples given are supported with accurate and relevant details.

Question 5a

Candidates at level 3 usually described the ways in which Strength Through Joy scheme and activities were put in place by the Nazi government with the intention to both motivate and to control workers, and often offering an assessment on the success or otherwise of the organisation. A large number of students focussed on the fact that many of the promises were not delivered and went on to describe the Volkswagen scheme. Level 2 responses were mainly descriptions of activities offered by the Strength Through Joy organisation although at times some students were clearly thinking of other Nazi organisations such as The Labour Front or Beauty of Labour. Level 1 responses were very general comments such as 'it organised cheap holidays' or 'it sent people on cruise ships'.

Question 5b

Nearly all of the responses at Levels 2 to 4 included varying degrees of accurate and relevant details on the Wall Street Crash. Nazi Party ideas was seen as either meaning ideology or about the party's organisation and methods used to increase support. If responses included both of these as Nazi Party ideas it was regarded as an aspect in addition to those prompted by the stimulus and therefore credited. Aspects in addition to the bullet points included fear of communism, Nazi propaganda, the unpopular and weak late Weimar governments and the appeal of Hitler himself. There were also a few candidates who explained the importance of support from business groups and some newspapers by the very early 1930s. Level 4 answers weighed up a range of factors and produced a sustained analysis of the extent to which the Wall Street Crash weighed up against at least two other factors explains the increasing share of the vote for the Nazis in the period from 1928 to July 1932. Many of the responses at this level analysed the influence of key individuals in the 1932-33 period in Hitler becoming Chancellor and also pointed out that the share of the vote for the NSDAP actually fell in November 1932. There were also a significant number of candidates that commented on how the Wall Street Crash led to more support for the KPD as well as for the Nazis.

Level 3 responses were generally an explanation with supporting detail on the Wall Street Crash and then a list of three or four other reasons why support for the Nazi Party increased from 1928 to 1932. Level 2 answers generally described the Wall Street and its effects or gave a narrative account of the Nazis rise to power but these accounts often began much earlier or continued into post-1933 and gave details of the Nazi government's measures to reduce unemployment once in power such as rearmament and the building of autobahns. There was also the usual confusion with responses at the lower end of level 2 of candidates confusing the Wall Street Crash with hyperinflation.

Level 1 answers were often simple comments which mainly referred to what the Nazi Party promised in the late Weimar elections or to measures taken by the later government such as 'they promised people jobs' or 'men had to join the army.'

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mind, put a line through the box and then indicate your new question with a cross .

Chosen Question Number: Question 5 Question 6

The strength through joy organisation was part of the KPD.

The gave workers perks, Such as foods holidays and free products and consumer goods. This made the workers feel

more Valued, eventhough their actual beliefs were now unable to be heard. The main reason for this organisation was to lure people into seeling they were being Valued and thought of, that Hitler was a good leader and that working wasn't a bad thing to do and in some ways, it did work well. It enabled all of the different social classes to mix and work together, go to camps together and enjoy themselves so therefore they liked it. However, the organisation required payments in order to be part of it and only those who contributed the most actually benefitted. In one case, the Strength through Joy was promoting the opportunity to reciere a brand new volkswaggenzar, people payed ests of installments and then the factory manufacturing the cars had to charge production to warfare so therefore knowone actually got the car they had been payor for. The key geatures were designed so that they could sustain Votes for their Nozi party.

Yes, rusing unemployment was the main reason why votes for the Novi party invessed from 1928 until July 1932. This was because Germany had been borrowing lots of loans from the VS, due to the Dawes plan. This mean't that it was inevitable that eventually they were going to ask for these loans back. The wall Street crash occurred in 1929, when the US became bankrupt and therefore they asked/demanded for all of their loans back. Of course, Germany could not

do this, they had spert all of the boars on rebuilding up the economy, building new schools, hospitals etc and given this, they were still highly dependent on the US boars. This all spiralled into the depression. Major businesses had to close down leaving many unemployed. Berefits were reduced and taxes were raised so people were becoming Very poor. Just Twing of a loap of bread was what most people could suffice. Many Germans felt let down by the government for using so many loans inadequately and therefore they turned to extremist groups such as the Novis. Due to the fact that working cons parties had raised taxes, the germans gelt betrayed and so decided to turn to their only other option, the Nazis. The Nazis seemed the only Strong and powerful group and the one that many believed could provide work and bread', so the Wall Street crash majorly helped in increasing Novi support.

Furthermore, Stressemann, who had improved Germany's State during the period 1924-1929 died, this enabled Hindenburg to take his position. Hindenburg was not as nice and democratic as Stressemann so this juther encouraged more people into voting for the Nozis.

Therefore, given all this information, I have chans decided that the rising levels of unemployment was a prime factor in

the increased votes during this period because people were so depressed and desporate for work so they could cam money to provide for their families, that they kurned to the Nazis in order to help. However, later on, we realise that the unemployment could not have been the main reason, because when a softer election took place determine whether or not Hitler would be able to become chancellor, he did not get the majority vote. Hitler actually became chancellor due to a sneaky political deal between Hindenburg and von paper. Von paper persuaded Mindenburg to appoint Mitter chancellor due to the fact that he believed could control him if he was vice chancellor. Hindenburg agreed because they believed Hitler would be unable to take control So therefore, the unemployment during this period of time had no effect on the votes for the Nazi party, however given that the stebers are 1928 - July 1932, then yes, the main unemployment and at the time and a need for Security, Germans believed Mitter was that Security, that leader that would run the country well, and provide more gobs that were greatly needed.



Part a) is low Level 3. It has one of the requirements for level 3 with a sufficient range of accurate and relevant details. For high level 3 it needs some organisation to show the focus of the question with the candidate defining what they regard as 'key features' of the Strength Through Joy organisation. This could be, for example the features of i) motivating workers ii) supporting Nazi ideals iii) that the benefits to many workers were less significant than much of the propaganda suggested.

Part b) is high Level 2. The first half of the response is mainly a descriptive account of the effects of the Wall Street Crash on Germany. Although the second part of the response is more focused on the ways in which rising levels of unemployment was a factor in the increase in votes for the Nazis there is not sufficient detail.

Question 6a

At level 3 most candidates gave several key features of education in Nazi Germany and supported these with specific and accurate details, The most common features described were the role of education in preparing boys and girls for different future roles, the ways in which education was used to spread Nazi ideology and the ways in which teachers were controlled. Supporting details therefore often included the emphasis on different subjects studied for boys and girls, the writing of textbooks and the inclusion of Race Studies, and the ways in which teachers demonstrated loyalty to the Nazi state. There were some responses that included details on the elite schools for the training of future Nazi leaders and for the SS. Level 2 response were descriptions of education in Nazi Germany such as the ways in which different subjects were made to fit Nazi ideology and often with lengthy examples of arithmetic problems for bomber planes.

Question 6b

Nearly all of the responses at Levels 2 to 4 included varying degrees of accurate and relevant details on the Kapp Putsch and the Treaty of Versailles. Aspects in addition to the bullet points included Germany's defeat in the First World War, the Spartacists, the Freikorps, and the Weimar Constitution. There were some very impressive and perceptive Level 4 answers. The majority argued from the very outset that the Treaty of Versailles was the biggest problem facing Germany and continued with a sustained analysis by showing that it led to other political and economic problems. Most of these analyses argued that 'violent uprisings' were an indication of both the fragility and unpopularity of the early Weimar Republic. Level 3 answers generally explained how the Treaty of Versailles was a problem for post-war Germany as well as other issues that were a problem such as the provided Kapp Putsch and then also included the Spartacist Uprising and sometimes the Weimar Constitution. It was then in the conclusion that the biggest decision facing Germany in the years 1918-20 was decided. Level 2 answers were normally accurate and detailed descriptions of the terms of the Treaty of Versailles together with some information on either the Kapp Putsch. At the lower to mid mark range of Level 2 many candidates were writing outside of the time period with details on hyperinflation, the French occupation, the Munich Putsch and some even went as far as mention Dawes and Young Plans. Level 1 answers were generally vague comments that could have applied to any uprising such as 'they wanted to bring down the government' or comments on the Treaty of Versailles such as 'Germany lost a lot of land.'

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a womans contribution to society was to reproduce and raise children it order for the future of Germany to be strong, Boys were faught a lot of PE and skitts which were heeded in the army This was because Hitler worked to ensure that Cornery had a strong amy which was are of his promises that he made if he were to be in charge of & Germany Boys were fought more academic things thems than girls sich as Sience and matty, Schools in Nazi Germany taugut that Jewish people were evil great child andesters so that it was drilled into their brains from an early age. They were fought to fear jews. School children were also faught engenics which was a lesson on the dryon rack. Children were trained into the Widking of Nazis and Hitler ideas.

b) I agree that violent uprisings were the biggest problem for Germany between 1918 ad toto as the Sparta asts wall, although posed no real threat, exposed that the weiner republic was weath and vulnerable which lessered the German peoples faithin the democracy of By sending in the Freitcorp. to attack, Ebert showed Germany that the was scared and so he parished when in adual fuct the Spartacists revolt would have had no real impact, Tenented Kast teilestreath of hosa Luxenberg were publically executed, showing fear and ponic. I also copee with this asia 1970 when Wolfgang Kappand member of the Freikerp bod perolled it was clear flat the or german army head no real faith to Ebut. This uprising led to Ebut fleeing Germany once again snowing weateness. This weakness a joined with the lack of army allique was avery big problem for the V Weima republic. However, I disagree with this peccuse & direct throat to the votions as it did not

have enough support. I also disagree because I think that the biggest problem & German faced was the 1919 \$ Treaty of Versailles. The freaty left Germany is per pieces; taking away 13% of it's land including the polish Corridoor; asking for \$6.6 billion in repeations which German couldn't offerd; reducing Germans any to 100 and forcing Gernan to take the blane for world war one. This heaty left the people of Germany feeling betranged by Heir government for a second time aft being 'stabled in the back of when laving WWY in 1918. I believe it left the Country univerable and at risk Overall, I think that violent upristing were partly the biggest problem for Germany from 1918 220 because although the The short term effects were big such as a cac were no real long term issues for Commy of This is witho the Tong term issues caused by the repercetions in The Treaty of



Part a) This is a mid Level 3 response, It has sufficient accurate and relevant details. The answer is organised implicitly into three key features of education - for girl, for boys and the spread of Nazi anti-Semitism,

Part b) This is a mid Level 3 response. It has the level 3 qualities of focus on the set question with sufficient accurate details to support the explanation offered. The inclusion of material on the Spartacists also gives a mark above 10. Full marks could have been awarded if the conclusion had been consistent with the opening paragraph,

Paper Summary

On the basis of this year's paper candidates are offered the following advice to improve their performance in future tests:

- Focus on the set question rather than using a pre-prepared response to a previously set question.
- If there is a date range in the set question try to ensure that the response covers the full date range but does not give details outside of the given time frame.
- For questions 3 and 4, 5b and 6b include at least three factors or aspects in the response. This can be the two stimulus points and the candidates' own, one of the stimulus points and two of the candidates' own or three entirely of the candidates' own choices. Three factors or aspects are necessary for high Level 2 and 3 to be awarded in questions 3,4,5b and 6b and for Level 4 in questions 5b and 6b.

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