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EXAMINATION FOR INTERNAL STUDENTS

For The Following Qualification:–

M.A.

M.A. German Studies: Aspects of German Culture, Politics and Identity

COURSE CODE : GERMPG25

DATE : 02–JUN–05

TIME : 10.00

TIME ALLOWED : 3 Hours

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MA Aspects of German Culture, Politics and Identity

Time allowed: **THREE** hours.

Answer **TWO** questions.

Do not answer on substantially the same topic as that of your assessed essay. Credit will be given for breadth of reference.

1. 'There is remarkably little difference between the conception of the nation propounded by the thinkers of the conservative revolution and that put forward by Nazi ideologues.' Discuss.
2. 'The most evocative representations of national identity seldom involve explicit references to politics.' Discuss with reference to **AT LEAST TWO** of the authors you have studied on this course.
3. 'Nostalgia informs the understanding of national identity, however critical the text may initially appear.' Discuss with reference to **AT LEAST TWO** of the authors you have studied on this course.
4. 'History can never be truly "objective" or "value-free"; and particularly not in Germany, where historical consciousness is so intimately bound up with issues of national identity.' Discuss.
5. 'Collective identities are constantly shifting, constructed and re-constructed according to the challenges and opportunities of the moment.' Discuss with reference to gender identities in West **AND / OR** East Germany since 1945.
6. 'All conceptions of national identity depend upon notions of otherness, even if this remains unacknowledged.' Discuss with reference to **AT LEAST TWO** of the writers or thinkers you have studied on this course.

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