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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 : 16-MAY-06

TIME : 10.00

TIME ALLOWED : 3 Hours

MA in German Studies

GERMPG25 ASPECTS OF GERMAN CULTURE, POLITICS AND IDENTITY

Time allowed: **THREE** hours.

Answer **TWO** questions.

Do not use the same material as the basis for more than one answer.

Credit will be given for breadth of reference.

1. Discuss the ways in which national identity is constructed and contested through discourse.
2. 'Without a common understanding of the past, there can be no consensus over the character of the present and the course for the future.' Discuss with reference to problems of national identity in East and West Germany between 1945 and 1990.
3. 'Identity depends not only on what one is and what one stands for, but also on what was is not and what one is against. The problem lies in the fact that the last part often remains only implicit.' Discuss with reference to at least **TWO** writers or thinkers that you have studied on this course.
4. 'Debates about national identity are, as often as not, an excuse for sentimental introspection.' Discuss.
5. 'Racism and nationalism are fundamentally different.' Discuss.
6. 'There is more to identity than merely the notion of an "imagined community".' Discuss.

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