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EXAMINATION FOR INTERNAL STUDENTS

For the following qualifications :-

M. A.

M.A. German Studies: Politics in the GDR

COURSE CODE : **GERMPG18**

DATE : **30-MAY-02**

TIME : **14.30**

TIME ALLOWED : **2 hours**

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MA in German Studies

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Time allowed: TWO hours.

Answer ONE question only.

Do not draw substantially on the material which you used in your assessed essay.

Credit will be given for breadth of reference.

1. 'The concept of totalitarianism is generally defined in such a way that it can never be empirically refuted.' Discuss with reference to relations between state and society in the GDR.
2. 'While the dissenters of 1953 sought to overthrow the state, they only strengthened the hand of the SED; and those who sought merely to improve "actually existing socialism" in the 1980s actually contributed to its ultimate downfall.' Discuss.
3. 'Debates over the relations between the Protestant Churches and the Stasi epitomise the ambiguities and difficulties in interpreting GDR history.' Discuss.

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