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EXAMINATION FOR INTERNAL STUDENTS

For the following qualifications :-

M. A.

M.A. German Studies: Social History of the GDR

COURSE CODE : **GERMPG08**

DATE : **27-MAY-02**

TIME : **14.30**

TIME ALLOWED : **2 hours**

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MA in German Studies

GERMPG08 SOCIAL HISTORY OF THE GDR

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. 'East German society changed more as a result of conscious social policies than as a result of general trends such as industrialisation.' Discuss.
2. How would you explain the persistence of class and gender inequalities in a society explicitly committed to egalitarianism and emancipation; a society in which, according to Marx, the 'condition for the free development of each' should be 'the condition for the free development of all'?
3. 'The methodological problems associated with charting changing attitudes and opinions in a communist state are so great that there is simply no point in speculating on whether or not there was a "golden age" — or anything like it — in the GDR.' Discuss.

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