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EXAMINATION FOR INTERNAL STUDENTS

For The Following Qualification:-

M.A.

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

COURSE CODE : GERMPG08

DATE : 27-MAY-03

TIME : 14.30

TIME ALLOWED : 2 Hours

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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. How useful are Weber's distinctions between 'class, status and power' for understanding the changing patterns of stratification and social difference in the GDR?
2. 'No one concept – totalitarianism, *Fürsorgediktatur*, *durchherrschte Gesellschaft* - is adequate to the characterisation of relations between state and society in the GDR.' Discuss.
3. In the context of a highly interventionist and goal-oriented political system, how may the plurality, persistence and development of such a variety of cultures and subcultures in the GDR best be explained?

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