

University of London

EXAMINATION FOR INTERNAL STUDENTS

For The Following Qualification:-

M.A.

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

COURSE CODE : GERM PG08

DATE : 26-MAY-05

TIME : 10.00

TIME ALLOWED : 2 Hours

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MA Social History of the GDR

Time allowed: **TWO** hours.

Answer **ONE** question.

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

Credit will be given for breadth of reference.

1. In the light of alternative theoretical approaches, to what extent, if at all, is the GDR adequately described as a 'Fürsorgediktatur'?
2. 'Industrialisation was more important than SED social policies in the transformation of GDR social structure and collective mentalities.' Discuss.
3. 'Ironically, the seeds of the GDR's ultimate collapse were sown in the bright new policies of the early Honecker era'. Discuss.

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