

GERMB106
INTRODUCTION TO GERMAN HISTORY

Take-home paper

To be collected on Thursday 6 May 2004 from 12 noon onwards.
To be returned on Tuesday 11 May 2004 by 5.00 pm.

Essays should be approximately 1,000 words in length. Importance is attached to the clarity of your argument. All questions carry equal marks.
DO NOT PLAGIARIZE: all quotations should be acknowledged and full references to source and page number given. A bibliography including all sources consulted should be listed at the end of each essay.

Please type if possible.
ANSWER TWO QUESTIONS.

1. Give a critical assessment of Luther's role in the Reformation.
2. 'The Thirty Years War merely aggravated the political disunity of the German lands rather than creating it.' Discuss.
3. How do you account for the rise of absolutist states in eighteenth-century Germany?
4. 'The events of 1848-49 were not "revolutionary" in the full sense of the word.' Discuss.
5. 'The unification of Germany in 1871 required the existence of a national-minded public in Prussia and in other German states.' Discuss.
6. To what extent do you consider that Wilhelmine Germany was economically, socially and politically unstable, and why?
7. 'The collapse of the Weimar Republic took place before the Nazis were handed power in 1933 by Germany's ruling elites.' Discuss.
8. To what extent was German society transformed by the Nazi dictatorship?
9. Why did the German Democratic Republic collapse in 1989-90?
10. 'The stability of the Federal Republic of Germany between 1949 and the present has been more apparent than real.' Discuss.

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