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**EXAMINATION FOR INTERNAL STUDENTS**

*For the following qualifications :-*

*B.A.*

**German B209: Aspects of Twentieth Century German History**

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**GERMB209**  
**ASPECTS OF GERMAN HISTORY SINCE 1918**

Time allowed: THREE hours.

Answer THREE questions.

All questions carry equal marks.

Do not draw substantially on the same material for more than one answer.

1. To what extent were social unrest and revolution after 1918 caused by Germany's defeat in the First World War?
2. Give a critical assessment of the strengths and weaknesses of German political parties between 1918 and 1933.
3. 'Social conflict during the Weimar era was more of a myth than a reality.' Discuss.
4. 'It is more difficult to account for the resilience of the Weimar Republic than to explain its eventual collapse.' Discuss.
5. Who voted for the NSDAP between 1920 and 1933, and why?
6. How helpful is the term 'polycratic state' in seeking to understand the structure and development of the Third Reich?
7. 'It was not so much widespread popular support, nor even repression of active opposition, that sustained Hitler's power; rather, we should focus on the ambivalent complicity of key elites combined with the apathy of the masses.' Discuss.
8. 'For all the controversies of historians, the Holocaust remains ultimately inexplicable.' Discuss.
9. 'The Second World War had a far greater impact on German society than any alleged effects of Hitler's "social revolution".' Discuss.
10. 'To compare the ways in which East and West Germany sought to "overcome the past" is to realise both the magnitude of the task and the meaninglessness of the phrase.' Discuss.

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