

**EXAMINATION FOR INTERNAL STUDENTS**

*For The Following Qualification:-*

*B.A.*

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

COURSE CODE : GERMB209

UNIT VALUE : 0.50

DATE : 30-APR-03

TIME : 14.30

TIME ALLOWED : 3 Hours

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

Time allowed: THREE hours.

Answer THREE questions.

All questions carry equal marks.

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

1. 'Defeat in the First World War transformed the economy, society and politics of Germany during the years between 1918 and 1933.' Discuss.
2. 'The institutions and "state-supporting" parties of the Weimar Republic were surprisingly strong and effective.' Discuss with reference to the period between 1918 and 1933.
3. How do you account for the conspicuousness of social conflict in Germany between 1918 and 1933?
4. 'The Nazis were only able to seize power in 1933 because of the prior collapse of democracy in Weimar Germany.' Discuss.
5. Why did the National Socialist Party succeed in gaining so many votes between 1930 and 1933, after it had failed to gain a significant number during the 1920s?
6. 'Hitler's role as charismatic leader was as much a product of the chaotic structures of the Nazi dictatorship as it was of his own personality.' Discuss.
7. 'Ironically, the Nazi "social revolution" and *Volksgemeinschaft* came about not as a direct result of Nazi social policies but rather as an unintended consequence of total war.' Discuss.
8. Where should the blame lie for the transformation of Nazi racial policies into mass genocide?
9. 'While many Germans later claimed to have been "immer dagegen", what is most striking about domestic resistance to Hitler is that it was so limited and belated.' Discuss.
10. 'Nazism was not a phenomenon that could simply be "overcome"; it is scarcely surprising, then, that official commemorations, historical representations and collective memories in both East and West Germany should, in different ways, prove to be so controversial.' Discuss.

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