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**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 : 13-MAY-04**

**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 substantially on the same material for more than one answer.

1. Give a critical assessment of the impact of the First World War in Germany.
2. 'Often criticised as anti-democratic or deficient, the political parties and institutions of the Weimar Republic were, in fact, a source of its strength, helping to explain why it survived successive crises.' Discuss.
3. To what extent could the Weimar years be characterised as a period of social crisis?
4. 'The Weimar Republic collapsed mainly as a result of the disastrous effects of economic depression'. Discuss.
5. 'The success of the NSDAP derived primarily from its role as a "protest party" which gained votes from most sections of the electorate.' Discuss with reference to the period between 1919 and 1933.
6. To what extent was the Nazi dictatorship a 'polycratic' regime?
7. 'The term "social revolution", when applied to Nazi Germany, wrongly implies that changes were rapid, radical and sweeping in nature.' Discuss.
8. 'Opposition and resistance in Germany to the Nazi dictatorship were tardy and inconsequential.' Discuss.
9. 'The Holocaust can be explained largely by referring to the intentions of its perpetrators.' Discuss.
10. 'In both the GDR and the FRG, the primary function of the historiography of the Third Reich was to legitimise the respective claims of each state to be the "better" Germany.' Discuss.

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