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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 : 18-MAY-06

TIME : 10.00

TIME ALLOWED : 3 Hours

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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, if at all, did the First World War bring about 'the birth of the modern age' in Germany?
2. Why did German political parties prove so ineffective in supporting and defending the Weimar Republic?
3. 'The distinction which is often made between the "golden years" between 1924 and 1929 and the period of social, economic and political crisis before and after is misleading.' Discuss with reference to the Weimar era.
4. 'The idea of a "Conservative Revolution" adds little to our understanding of right-wing politics in Germany between 1918 and 1933.' Discuss.
5. 'The collapse of the Weimar Republic and the rise of the Nazis should be carefully distinguished from each other.' Discuss.
6. How important were the institutions and structures of coercion and repression for the political stability of the Nazi dictatorship?
7. To what extent, and in what respects, was there a 'Nazi social revolution'?
8. 'Whichever theoretical framework historians seek to deploy, the Holocaust remains ultimately inexplicable.' Discuss.
9. 'Most Germans benefited from and agreed with the goals of the Third Reich; it was only as the war turned against Germany that they lost their faith in the Führer and some more actively opposed the regime.' Discuss.
10. 'The processes of denazification, in different ways in East and West, were morally inadequate but politically opportune.' Discuss.

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