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EXAMINATION FOR INTERNAL STUDENTS

For the following qualifications:-

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GERMB210
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Take-home paper

To be collected on Thursday 2 May 2002 from 12 noon onwards.

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Answer TWO questions.

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.

1. 'The division of Germany owed more to the Cold War than to the question of how to deal with post-Nazi Germany.' Discuss with reference to the period 1945 - 1955.
2. 'The alleged "Americanisation" of West Germany owes more to processes of globalisation in the 1970s and 1980s than it does to the immediate effects of American occupation and post-war policies.' Discuss.
3. 'To describe the GDR as a "totalitarian state" is to miss the significance of the political involvement of the people.' Discuss.
4. 'All things considered, the GDR experienced a greater "economic miracle" in the period 1949 to 1971 than did the Federal Republic.' Discuss.
5. Assess the social, cultural and political significance of 1968 in the history of EITHER East Germany OR West Germany.
6. How would you characterise and explain the diverging social structures of East and West Germany?
7. 'Dissent in the Federal Republic was officially permitted and therefore utterly ineffectual: dissent in the GDR was forbidden and therefore ultimately effective.' Discuss.
8. 'While German national identity in the West was defined in terms of a political culture of shame, in the East it was paradoxically one of national pride.' Discuss.
9. How far do you consider women to have been 'emancipated' in Germany since 1945? Discuss with reference to EITHER East Germany OR West Germany, OR both.
10. 'Remarkably, for a dictatorship, distinctive subcultures were able to persist — albeit with constraints and pressures — in the GDR. Society was never fully *stillgelegt*.' Discuss.

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