

**EXAMINATION FOR INTERNAL STUDENTS**

*For The Following Qualification:-*

*B.A.*

**German B210: Politics, Culture and Society in Germany Since 1945 Take-home**

COURSE CODE : **GERMB210**

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TIME ALLOWED : **Hours**

**GERMB210**  
**POLITICS, CULTURE AND SOCIETY IN GERMANY SINCE 1945**

**Take-home paper**

**To be collected on Thursday 8 May 2003 from 12 noon onwards.**  
**To be returned on Tuesday 13 May 2003 by 5.00 pm.**

**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. To what extent, and in what ways, had East and West Germany diverged by the time the two separate states were founded in 1949?
2. How useful is the notion of totalitarianism for understanding political structures and political processes in the GDR?
3. 'The alleged Americanisation of West Germany has been greatly exaggerated.' Discuss.
4. In what ways was East German society transformed by SED policies?
5. 'The "turning-point" of 1968, broadly interpreted, was more important in respect of cultural, social and generational changes in West Germany than it was in the political sphere.' Discuss.
6. 'The interplay between culture and politics is simply inescapable in the GDR.' Discuss.
7. 'The notion of a vigilant democracy allowed political dissent in the FRG to be at the same time freely expressed and yet contained within acceptable boundaries.' Discuss with reference to the treatment of both right-wing and left-wing extremism in West Germany during the period 1949-1989.
8. 'The Revolution of 1989 was merely the open expression, under altered international circumstances, of a latent civil war which had been simmering under the surface since the suppression of the June Uprising of 1953.' Discuss.
9. 'Of the 10,000 antifascists there may have been in Nazi Germany, eight million lived in the GDR.' (Jurek Becker.) In the light of this comment, compare the relationships between history and national identity in East and West Germany in the period up to 1989.
10. 'Now we are unified, and begin to feel more and more like strangers. Paradoxically, it was precisely division of the nation which created an ambiguous sense of unity; and only since unification have we become aware of division.' (Friedrich Schorlemmer.) Discuss.

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