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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 : 16-MAY-05

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. How do you account for the impact of the First World War on German politics, society and economy during the period between 1918 and 1933?
2. 'Germany's political parties and leaders could easily have cooperated successfully to defend the Weimar Republic against its enemies, but they lacked the will to do so.' Discuss with reference to the period between 1918 and 1933.
3. Give a critical assessment of the economic and social effects of hyperinflation and depression in Germany during the Weimar era.
4. 'The Weimar Republic effectively collapsed at some point between the appointment of the Brüning government in 1930 and Papen's removal of the Prussian government in July 1932.' Discuss.
5. How do you explain the growth of the National Socialist Party during the period between 1920 and 1933?
6. 'Structures of power and repression are less important in explaining patterns of consent and conformity in the Third Reich than has often been argued.' Discuss.
7. 'Social changes in Nazi Germany came about more as a result of the preparation for and waging of war than as an intentional outcome of Nazi ideology and social policies.' Discuss.
8. 'The Holocaust can only be condemned, not explained. Debates over the respective role of Hitler's intentions, the structures of power and decision-making, or the "collective mentalities" of the Germans, entirely miss the point.' Discuss.

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9. 'A wide-ranging analysis of dissent and opposition in the Third Reich over the period from 1933 to 1945 as a whole would suggest that the significance of the July Plot has been grossly exaggerated.' Discuss.
10. 'Processes of denazification and "overcoming the past" after 1945 were problematic in both East and West Germany; on both sides of the Iron Curtain, questions of guilt and innocence depended more on post-1945 political considerations than on what had actually happened in the Third Reich.' Discuss.