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PAPER 1: Breadth study with interpretations

Option 1G: Germany and West Germany, 1918–89

You must have:
Extracts Booklet (enclosed)

Total Marks

Instructions

- Use **black** ink or ball-point pen.
- **Fill in the boxes** at the top of this page with your name, centre number and candidate number.
- There are three sections in this question paper. Answer **ONE** question from Section A, **ONE** question from Section B and the question in Section C.
- Answer the questions in the spaces provided
  – *there may be more space than you need.*

Information

- The total mark for this paper is 60.
- The marks for **each** question are shown in brackets
  – *use this as a guide as to how much time to spend on each question.*

Advice

- Read each question carefully before you start to answer it.
- Check your answers if you have time at the end.

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SECTION A

Answer EITHER Question 1 OR Question 2.

EITHER

1 Was the nature of the Weimar constitution the main reason for the weakness of the Weimar Republic in the years 1919–33?

(Total for Question 1 = 20 marks)

OR

2 Was the punishment of opposition and dissent the main reason for the stability of the Nazi regime in the years 1933–45?

(Total for Question 2 = 20 marks)

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Chosen question number: **Question 1** ☐ **Question 2** ☐

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SECTION B

Answer EITHER Question 3 OR Question 4.

EITHER

3 To what extent was education in the Weimar Republic similar to education in the FRG?

(Total for Question 3 = 20 marks)

OR

4 How far do you agree that the 'economic miracle' (1955–66) was the most significant feature of the economy in the years 1945–89?

(Total for Question 4 = 20 marks)

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SECTION C

Study Extracts 1 and 2 in the Extracts Booklet before you answer this question.

5 Historians have different views about how far Hitler's foreign policy was responsible for the Second World War. Analyse and evaluate the extracts and use your knowledge of the issues to explain your answer to the following question.

How far do you agree with the view that Hitler invaded Poland because he wanted to fight a general European war?

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(Total for Question 5 = 20 marks)

TOTAL FOR SECTION C = 20 MARKS
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Extracts for use with Section C.

Extract 1: From Gordon Craig, *Germany 1866–1945*, published 1978.

By the summer of 1939 no triumph seemed satisfactory to Hitler unless it involved devastating military force.

When news of the Nazi-Soviet Pact reached the Western governments it struck them with the force of a thunderbolt. Hitler's preparations for the next phase of his eastern plan were complete. Had Hitler wanted to achieve his objectives by negotiation he could have done so. The Poles were now ready to negotiate with Germany. But Hitler did not want another Munich. When Ciano, the Italian Foreign Minister, asked Ribbentrop, Hitler's Foreign Minister, what Germany wanted from Poland, he was informed: 'We want war'.

Hitler calculated that, if Western states intervened, it would give him the opportunity to destroy them and clear the way for the greater war against Russia that would fulfil Germany's destiny. Hitler was not surprised when the British and French governments responded to the invasion of Poland by declaring war on Germany.

Extract 2: From Karl Dietrich Bracher, *The German Dictatorship*, published 1971.

After the destruction of Czechoslovakia Hitler announced that the Danzig question had to be solved. He thought, and with good reason, that Britain and France still wanted appeasement. Hitler still thought this, even though the Western powers had begun to produce armaments on a greater scale.

Had the guarantee that Chamberlain gave to Poland in March 1939 changed the European situation? Hitler thought the guarantee to Poland was pure bluff. On April 28 he ended the German-Polish Non-Aggression Pact and the Anglo-German Naval Agreement. He now demanded a passageway through the Polish Corridor. Hitler's moves suggested he was following the same plan as he had with the Czechs in 1938.

Hitler had told his top military leaders in May that Danzig was only an excuse for further expansion. He claimed that *Lebensraum* and achieving a guaranteed food supply for Germany were his real motives. Hitler had good reason to be optimistic that he would get away with it.

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Extract 1 from: *Germany 1866-1945*, By Gordon A. Craig © Oxford University Press, September 1978

Extract 2 from: *The German Dictatorship - The Origins, Structure, and Effects of National Socialism*, By Karl Dietri Bracher © Praeger Publishers, January 1970