

AS HISTORY

Democracy and Nazism: Germany, 1918–1945
Component 20 The Weimar Republic, 1918–1933

Tuesday 23 May 2017 Afternoon Time allowed: 1 hour 30 minutes

Materials

For this paper you must have:

- an AQA 16-page answer book.

Instructions

- Use black ink or black ball-point pen.
- Write the information required on the front of your answer book. The **Paper Reference** is 7041/20.
- Answer **two** questions.
In **Section A** answer Question 01.
In **Section B** answer **either** Question 02 **or** Question 03.

Information

- The marks for questions are shown in brackets.
- The maximum mark for this paper is 50.
- You will be marked on your ability to:
 - use good English
 - organise information clearly
 - use specialist vocabulary where appropriate.

Advice

- You are advised to spend about:
 - 50 minutes on Section A
 - 40 minutes on Section B.

Section A

Answer Question 01.

Source A

From a proclamation to the German people printed in the 'Berliner Volksblatt' (Berlin People's Gazette), on 9 November 1918. The 'Berliner Volksblatt' was the main publication of the SPD (Social Democratic Party).

Workers, Soldiers, Fellow Citizens – the Free People's State is here! The Kaiser and Crown Prince have abdicated! Fritz Ebert, the President of the Social Democratic Party, has been appointed Chancellor, and he forms a new government composed of men who enjoy the trust of the working people in the cities and in the countryside, and of soldiers. So public administration has been handed over to the people. A National Assembly will meet soon to discuss the new constitution. 5

Workers, Soldiers, Citizens! The victory of the people has been achieved. Follow all instructions of the new people's government and of their officials. It acts in closest cooperation with the workers and soldiers.

The German Republic will thrive! 10

Source B

From a speech by Rosa Luxemburg to the Founding Congress of the Communist Party of Germany (formerly the Spartacus League), 31 December 1918.

Comrades! The events of the last few days have brought a bitter awakening from our dreams. The motto of the Revolution of 9 November was the idea of the unity of the various socialist movements. But the bourgeoisie believed that, by the means of the so-called socialist government, they would be able to control the proletarian masses and strangle the socialist revolution. 5

These illusions have now been banished into nothingness. The masses have come to realise that what has been pasted together and called a socialist government is nothing but a government representing the bourgeois counter-revolution, and that whoever continues to tolerate such a state of affairs is working against the proletariat and against socialism! 10

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With reference to these sources and your understanding of the historical context, which of these two sources is more valuable in explaining the extent of support for the new Republic of 1918?

[25 marks]

Section B

Answer **either** Question 02 **or** Question 03.

Either

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'The Weimar Republic failed to achieve political stability in the years 1924 to 1928.'

Explain why you agree or disagree with this view.

[25 marks]

or

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'Support for the Nazi Party increased in the years 1930 to 1932 mainly because of the fear of communism.'

Explain why you agree or disagree with this view.

[25 marks]

END OF QUESTIONS

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