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History

HIS2N

Unit 2N Anti-Semitism, Hitler and the German People, 1919–1945

Wednesday 20 May 2015 1.30 pm to 3.00 pm

For this paper you must have:

- an AQA 12-page answer book.

Time allowed

- 1 hour 30 minutes

Instructions

- Use black ink or black ball-point pen.
- Write the information required on the front of your answer book. The **Paper Reference** is HIS2N.
- Answer **two** questions.
Answer Question 1 and **either** Question 2 **or** Question 3.
Answer **both** parts of each question chosen.
- In answering the questions you must use your own knowledge and understanding of the period.

Information

- The marks for questions are shown in brackets.
- The maximum mark for this paper is 72.
- 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 45 minutes on each question.

Answer Question 1 and **either** Question 2 **or** Question 3.

Each question has **two** parts. Answer **both** parts of each question chosen.

Question 1

Study the following source material and then answer the questions which follow.

Source A

This extract, from Amos Elon's *The Pity of it All*, concerning the reaction of some Jews in Germany to Hitler's appointment as Chancellor, cannot be reproduced here due to third-party copyright constraints.

Source B Adapted from the memoir of George L Mosse, published in 2000. Mosse was from a Jewish family who owned a number of newspapers.

Like many liberals of his generation, my father could bring himself only with difficulty to take the Nazis seriously. He used to say that Hitler did not belong in the main part of the newspaper, but in the comic supplement. Demonstrating the serious underestimation of the Nazis which was so widespread at the time was a passage in a letter written by my father to my sister in February 1933. Hitler had been chancellor for ten days at this point. My father asserted that since that time the sales of our family's newspapers had increased considerably. He believed that if sales of these anti-Nazi papers continued to increase, the influence of our newspapers would grow. He believed that the Nazi movement would crumble due to dissatisfaction amongst the German people with Hitler in power.

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Source C German conservatism and German universities made anti-Semitism politically and intellectually acceptable. Hitler's coming to power would unleash the Nazis and their right-wing allies. The Nazis, the long term promoters of anti-Semitism in Germany, were now free to harm the Jews. They did so with the unspoken support of millions of Germans for whom the fate of the Jews was largely irrelevant in comparison with their other concerns. Increasingly, they did so with the active support of millions of other Germans eager to benefit from the Nazis' political success. Many people were drawn to anti-Semitism because they were drawn to Nazism, not the other way round.

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Adapted from C R Browning, *The Origins of the Final Solution*, 2004

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Use **Sources A** and **B** and your own knowledge.

Explain how far the views in **Source B** differ from those in **Source A** in relation to Jewish attitudes to the Nazis in early 1933.

[12 marks]

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Use **Sources A, B** and **C** and your own knowledge.

How far was there widespread anti-Semitism in Germany before Hitler came to power?

[24 marks]

Either

Question 2

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Explain why Kristallnacht took place in 1938.

[12 marks]

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'Nazi policies against the Jews had a major impact on Jewish lives in the years 1933 to 1939.'

Explain why you agree or disagree with this view.

[24 marks]

or

Question 3

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Explain why Jewish ghettos were established in occupied Poland in the years 1940/1941.

[12 marks]

and

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'Of all the Nazi leaders (including Hitler), Himmler should bear the greatest responsibility for the Holocaust.'

Explain why you agree or disagree with this view.

[24 marks]

END OF QUESTIONS

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