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History

HIS2N

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

Wednesday 22 May 2013 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 **Examining Body** for this paper is AQA. 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 The mass shootings by the *Einsatzgruppen*, on the orders of Himmler and Heydrich, were the first horrific phase of genocide. However, by the autumn of 1941, the genocide extended beyond the occupied parts of the Soviet Union and rapidly entered a second phase. The Nazis aimed at nothing less than the physical extermination of the Jews of the whole of Europe. This is what the Nazis would label the 'Final Solution of the Jewish Question'. The untold misery, suffering and death inflicted on Europe's Jews followed from two crucial decisions – or, more precisely, sets of decisions – in 1941. The first of these, in the summer, was to kill the Jews of the Soviet Union. The second, in the autumn, was to extend the killing to the whole of Nazi-occupied Europe.

Adapted from I KERSHAW, *Fateful Choices: Ten Decisions that Changed the World, 1940–1941*, 2007

Source B This extract, from *The War against the Jews: 1933–1945* by Lucy Dawidowicz, is not reproduced here due to third-party copyright constraints. The full copy of this paper can be obtained from AQA Publications.

Source C The deportations that resumed on a large scale in the spring of 1942, after the Wannsee Conference of 20 January, were preceded in January and February 1942 by a series of public declarations by Hitler in which he unambiguously returned to his 'prophecy' of January 1939, according to which the Jews of Europe would be exterminated if there was a new world war. Both the recent entry of the USA into the war (meaning the war had been extended to a world war), and the fact that in his statements Hitler continually assigned the date of 1 September 1939 to his prophecy, underlined his threat towards the Jews.

Adapted from P LONGERICH, *The Unwritten Order: Hitler's Role in 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 the decision to kill Europe's Jews. (12 marks)

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

How important was Hitler himself in the formulation of Nazi policy towards the Jews in the years 1939 to 1942? (24 marks)

EITHER**Question 2**

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 Explain why many Jews were well assimilated in Weimar Germany. (12 marks)**and**

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 'The association of Jews with finance was the most important reason for Nazi anti-Semitism.'
Explain why you agree or disagree with this view. (24 marks)**OR****Question 3**

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 Explain why Nazi anti-Semitism intensified in the years 1938 to 1939. (12 marks)**and**

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 'Discrimination against the Jews was never fully supported by the German people in the years 1933 to 1939.'
Explain why you agree or disagree with this view. (24 marks)**END OF QUESTIONS**

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