

GCE German – 6GN04

Research-based Essay Guide

Exemplar 1 – Geschichtliche Studien

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PREFACE

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Question 3(b) - Geschichtliche Studien

Welche politische Entwicklung gab es in dem Zeitraum der Geschichte, den Sie studiert haben? Warum war diese Entwicklung wichtig?

Die Deutsche Demokratische Republik (kurz DDR) wurde im Jahr 1949 gegründet und war ein totalitäres Regime. Es war stark abhängig von der Sowjet Union, deren vorherrschende ideologie kommunismus war. Es gab viele Politische entwicklungen in diesem zeitraum, aber für mich war der einföhrung der Sozialistische Plannwirtschaft am wichtigsten.

Im Jahr 1960 hat Walter Ulbricht (DDR chef – 1960 bis 1971), eine überzeugte kommunist, die Sozialistische Plannwirtschaft eingeföhrt, die Wirtschaftsform in kommunismus und das bedeutet, dass alles gehört allen und alles wurde zentral gesteuert. Daswegen, gab es kein Privateigentum, zum Beispiel: "Bis 1959 waren 52% aller Landwirtschaftliche Betriebe in Privater Hand aber bis 1960 (ein Jahr von der bau der mauer) waren nur 6% aller Landwirtschaftlichen Betriebe in Privater Hand". Die Plannwirtschaft war sher unflexibel, weil zu Bürokratisch und konnte nicht auf die sozial und wirtschaftliche veränderungen reagieren; Es produzierte total an die Bedürfnissen der DDR – Bevölkerung vorbei und es gab kein luxusgüter. Man musste zum Beispiel für viele güter lange warten. Dies föhrte zum eine Massenauswanderung und ich habe auf Internet gelesen dass: "2,6 millionen menschen verliesen der DDR".

Um dieses Massenauswanderung zu verhindern, hat Walter Ulbricht an 13. August 1961 die Mauer gebaut. Aber dieses entscheidung war sehr überraschend, weil Ulbricht nur vier wochen früher gesagt hat: "Niemand hat der Ansicht eine Mauer zu errichten". Die representerte zum symbol für den kalten krieg und hat eine ganze Nation vom Rest der welt isoliert. Ich habe, zum beispiel, gelesen: "28 Jahre lang zenenterte die mauer die spaltungs Deutschlands und Europas".

Die DDR – Bevölkerung war total "eingemauert" und duch die Plannwirtschafft und die mauer hat aller DDR – Bürger keine rede, reise – und meinungsfreiheit.

Zusammenfassend für mich war dieses entscheidung das wichtigstes entscheidung in der DDR – Geschichte, weil die Plannwirtschaft das Alltagsleben der Bevölkerung total verändert hat und föhrte zum der bau der mauer; die Spatungs von Ostdeutschland und der Rest der welt.

Viele leute glauben, dass der bau der Mauer eine fehlentscheidungUlbrichts war, aber man muss verstehen, dass wenn die Mauer nie gebaut wurde wäre, so ist es möglich – Meiner meinung nach – eine kreig ausgebrocjen

ware, weil zwei so verschiedene Politische system (kommunismus und Kapitalismus) nie neben einander existiren können.

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Commentary on Exemplar - Geschichtliche Studien

This is an excellent response which justifies its placing in high mark bands for each of the three criteria. It is placed at the upper end of the highest mark band (25-30) for Response, Reading and Understanding (RRU), gained the top mark band (9 marks) for Organisation and Development (O/D), and was in the second highest Quality of Language (QoL) mark band earning 5 marks. However, it is noted that the essay exceeds the word limit significantly.

The question asks candidates to discuss a political development which is the factual, research based part of the question, whilst an assessment of its importance provides the understanding element. The candidate has clearly planned the response, though the plan has no bearing on the marks awarded. The development needed to be political within the German language context and the creation of the East German Republic in 1949, leading to economic policies which affected the country are clearly pertinent. There is strong factual information, with some understanding of the principles of socialist economic policy under Soviet influence. The importance of the suppression of private enterprise is explained with some reference to statistics and footnotes are used. These are optional and full marks do not rely on their use but they offer evidence of research. There is some development to the answer, in that there was mass migration due to the conditions in the DDR.

It is relevant to move onto discussion of the Berlin Wall, as there is an economic aspect to its construction, and this assertion is supported with referenced information and quotation, the second of which is not counted within the word count. The Berlin Wall is then discussed as symbolic in the division between two ideologies, not merely a physical structure, and there is a concluding point that war was averted by its construction, as Capitalism and Communism would otherwise have clashed fatally. It is not necessarily an analysis with which everyone agrees but it is plausibly developed from the thesis that economics underpins political and social decisions. Therefore this response is excellent and developed. Considering any shortcomings, such as a certain superficiality in dealing with the various themes, it must be borne in mind that little more is possible within the 270 word limit and that all the points covered were relevant and added to the development and the discussion of its importance.

In terms of O/D, this was an excellent response. The argument was outlined clearly in the introduction, where the notion of economic development was raised. It was sustained through statistics and details pertaining to the economic policies which deterred private enterprise. This flowed into the next discussion of the economic impact and the need for the Berlin Wall,

culminating in some treatment of the wall's significance and role. The response is well organised and develops clearly with suitable exemplification and without irrelevant information.

Quality of Language (QoL) is appropriate to the task and scores in the second mark band from the top. Varied constructions are used including examples of adverbial enhancement, relative clauses, subordination, a range of tenses and opinions. Word order is generally good, but there is some inconsistency with capitalisation: some nouns lack capital letters, such as *veränderung*, and adjectives, for example, *Sozial* or *Politisch* gain them. Some declensions were not successful, such as *die Sozial und wirtschaftliche veränderungen*, and *die Entscheidung* was referred to as *es*. Overall, these errors add up to QoL being high, but not at the highest level. Faultless work is not required for 6 for QoL, but within the context of the A2 Programme of Grammar Study, this response fell just below that level.