

SECTION A

Answer EITHER Question 1 OR Question 2.

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- 1 Was popular support for Hitler the main reason for the lack of effective opposition to the Nazi regime in the years 1933–45?

(Total for Question 1 = 20 marks)

OR

- 2 Were improved living standards the main consequence of German economic policies in the years 1933–45?

(Total for Question 2 = 20 marks)

Hitler's support

- ▶ 'One people, One Reich, One Führer'
- ▶ Hitler everywhere
- ▶ ~~80,000 people came to support against unemployment.~~

Opposition to Hitler

- ▶ Gestapo - SS
- ▶ Night of Long Knives - Hitler shot anyone against him in Nazi party.
- ▶

living standards improving

- ▶ Unemployment
- ▶ benefits.

guns or butter

living standards - Unemployment, benefits,



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Indicate which question you are answering by marking a cross in the box ☒. If you change your mind, put a line through the box ☒ and then indicate your new question with a cross ☒.

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Chosen question number:

Question 1 ☒

Question 2 ☒

Hitler felt that if ~~German~~ German were to go to war they would need the support of the German population. This led to many of Hitler's policies revolving around improving the living standards of the German population.

When Hitler took control of Germany in 1933 living standards were low. There was 6.5 million people unemployed in 1933, this was due to the great depression and the effect it had on German people. To combat this Hitler began to reduce the unemployment of Germany. The government introduced schemes to help ~~workers~~ ^{workers} with the building of Autobahns, this was further helped by the reintroduction of conscription in 1935. This meant men were able to find work in the army as well as building tanks, in munition factories and building planes. This eventually led to Germany having the fastest growing employment rate in Europe.



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(Section A continued) Furthermore, the economic policies of the Nazi regime could also be seen to be a consequence of living standards by the growing benefits for workers in Germany. The introduction of trade unions run by the Nazi party improved the workers lifestyle. The introduction of other groups such as RAD also had this affect. The introduction of leisure groups from the Nazi party was also influenced by the demand for improve living standards. For example the Hitler Youth allowed young men to participate in leisure activities and military training. Moreover, there were significant benefits for other members of German society. Mothers and women gained more benefits should they have a young family. The Nazis believed in 'Kinder, Kirche, Küche' (Children, Kitchen, Church) and should a mother have 4 or more children they would be presented with a medal, ~~the mothers also gained~~

However, there was some issues due to the Nazi economic problems, for example the issue of 'guns or butter' many German people felt that more money was being spent on rearming the army than food for citizens. There was also other policies which were not consequential



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(Section A continued) of living standards rather ~~the~~ restoring Germany as a European ~~super~~ power. The great depression had a huge effect on Germany. ~~and with unemployment and~~

To conclude, the ^{living standards} ~~economic policies~~ were a ~~the~~ significant reason for ~~the war breaking out in 1939~~ ~~the living of~~ the economic policies of Germany during 1933-45. However, there was also other significant reasons such as rearmament of Germany and also propaganda of Hitler and his Nazi party.

