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Pearson Edexcel Level 3 GCE

Wednesday 14 May 2025

Afternoon (Time: 2 hours 15 minutes)

Paper reference **8HI0/1G**

History

Advanced Subsidiary

PAPER 1: Breadth study with interpretations

Option 1G: Germany and West Germany, 1918–89

You must have:
Extracts Booklet (enclosed)

Total Marks

Instructions

- Use **black** ink or ball-point pen.
- **Fill in the boxes** at the top of this page with your name, centre number and candidate number.
- There are three sections in this question paper. Answer **ONE** question from Section A, **ONE** question from Section B and the question in Section C.
- Answer the questions in the spaces provided
– *there may be more space than you need.*

Information

- The total mark for this paper is 60.
- The marks for **each** question are shown in brackets
– *use this as a guide as to how much time to spend on each question.*

Advice

- Read each question carefully before you start to answer it.
- Check your answers if you have time at the end.

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SECTION A

Answer EITHER Question 1 OR Question 2.

EITHER

- 1 Were economic challenges the main reason, in the years 1919–33, for the eventual collapse of the Weimar Republic?

(Total for Question 1 = 20 marks)

OR

- 2 Was censorship and propaganda the main reason for Nazi success in controlling the German people in the years 1933–45?

(Total for Question 2 = 20 marks)

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SECTION B

Answer EITHER Question 3 OR Question 4.

EITHER

- 3 How accurate is it to say that improved living standards were the most significant outcome of economic activity in the years 1945–89?

(Total for Question 3 = 20 marks)

OR

- 4 How accurate is it to say that the role and status of women in the FRG was different from the role and status of women in the Weimar Republic?

(Total for Question 4 = 20 marks)

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SECTION C

Study Extracts 1 and 2 in the Extracts Booklet before you answer this question.

- 5** Historians have different views about how far Hitler's foreign policy was responsible for the Second World War. Analyse and evaluate the extracts and use your knowledge of the issues to explain your answer to the following question.

How far do you agree with the view that Hitler took Germany to war because he misunderstood British foreign policy?

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(Total for Question 5 = 20 marks)

TOTAL FOR SECTION C = 20 MARKS
TOTAL FOR PAPER = 60 MARKS



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Extracts for use with Section C.

Extract 1: From Tim Mason, *Nazism, Fascism and the Working Class*, published 1995.

Hitler's unique personality was the decisive factor in German foreign policy. The reason why Hitler took Germany into war in 1939, and why it then turned into a world war, was because Hitler never understood Britain and the British Empire. Hitler thought that the world could be divided between Britain as the sea-based power and Germany as the dominant power in Europe. 5

Hitler completely misunderstood British interests, and that the British government was bound to become involved in war with Nazi Germany as soon as Hitler's threats turned into wars of aggression. Hitler never understood that, above all, Britain desired some sort of balance of power in Europe. This is why Britain gave in, or at least declined to act forcefully, when Hitler took Austria and Czechoslovakia. However, Britain could never allow Germany to get away with expansion by waging wars of aggression. 10

Britain had no choice but to guarantee Poland's sovereignty, and this should have told Hitler that appeasement was finished. But Hitler did not understand this. 15

Extract 2: From Christian Leitz, *The Third Reich*, published 1999.

The charismatic personality of Adolf Hitler is not the reason Germany went to war in 1939. Since before the First World War the German elites had planned wars to increase Germany's economic strength.

Hitler understood Germany's historic economic needs, and set out to fulfil them. The economic motives for expansion increased after 1936 and explain the Nazi takeover of Austria and Czechoslovakia. Brown coal from the Sudetenland was used for synthetic fuel. Coal and machinery for industry was taken from Czechoslovakia. These were all integrated into the economic structure of the Four Year Plan. 20

These were not the acts of a mad and egotistical leader whose policies were out of control. They were a coordinated offensive into eastern and south eastern Europe for economic gains. This was driven by the German government as well as Hitler. Their motive was to strengthen Germany's war potential. Hitler's unique personality and leadership style has tended to disguise this reality. 25 30

Acknowledgements:

Extract 1 from: *Nazism, Fascism and the Working Class*, Tim Mason, Cambridge University Press, 1995

Extract 2 from: *The Third Reich*, Christian Leitz [Ed.], Blackwell Publishing, 1999

