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Candidates chose two questions from four, with the most popular being Question 1, followed by Question 2, then 3 and finally 4.

Question 1

Candidates who answered this question were able to consider the issue regarding the damaging impact of Weimar culture. Many had in-depth knowledge of the cultural developments and their impact – both positive and negative. Some candidates considered the broader picture and linked the economic and political developments to the cultural developments, and this aided their selection of criteria for judgement.

Question 2

Candidates who answered this question tended to agree with the issue raised by the question. However, there were some candidates who focused on what the Young Plan proposed and did not consider the opposition to it and its impact on the Republic. Also, some candidates wrote about the Dawes Plan and not the Young Plan. Candidates were able to offer a range of other reasons, most notably the impact of the Great Depression. However, it was of concern to not that many candidates wrote incorrectly about the 'hyper-inflation' caused by the Great Depression and not the 'deflation' which it did cause.

Question 3

Most candidates who answered this question considered effectiveness in relation to the issue raised by the question. Many argued overall that Nazi policies were effective, but recognised in some areas that they were not. Some candidates went beyond the focus dates of the question.

Question 4

Candidates focused on the issue raised by the question. However, knowledge regarding control was limited. This meant that some answers were generalised.

Points to consider:

- This is a 'Depth study with Interpretations' which means that knowledge on its own is not enough. Knowledge needs to be applied to the interpretation that is raised by the question and judgements made.
- The time allowed for this examination is sufficient to allow a small amount of planning time for each answer.
- When judgments are made they need to be supported with criteria – it is not sufficient to state that a factor is the most 'important' or 'significant' without explaining the basis upon which that judgment has been made.

