

## **Year 11 GCSE History Past Question Bank – Germany**

### **Was the Weimar Republic doomed from the start?**

- a) Describe the key terms of the Treaty of Versailles. (5)
- a) How did the terms of the Treaty of Versailles restrict German military power? (5)
- a) Briefly describe what happened when French and Belgian troops occupied the Ruhr in 1923 (5).
- a) Briefly describe the events during, and immediately after, the Kapp Putsch. (5)
- a) Briefly describe the events in the Ruhr in 1923. (5)
  
- b) Explain why there was hyperinflation in the early years of the Weimar Republic. (7)
- b) Explain why the Weimar Republic had serious problems in the period 1919-23. (7)
- b) Explain why the Treaty of Versailles was so unpopular in Germany. (7)
- b) Explain why the Munich Putsch failed. (7)
- b) Explain how Stresemann helped Germany. (7)
  
- c) 'The Weimar Republic achieved little.' How far do you agree with this statement? Explain your answer. (8)
- c) 'By 1929 the Weimar Republic had overcome its problems'. How far do you agree with this view? Explain your answer. (8)
- c) In the period 1923-1933 the Weimar Republic was unpopular with the German people.' How far do you agree with this statement? Explain your answer. (8)

## **Hitler's RISE to power**

- a) Briefly describe Hitler's main political ideas. (5)
- a) Briefly describe the events in 1932-3 that led to Hitler's appointment as Chancellor. (5)
  
- b) Explain why Germany faced a crisis in the period 1930-33. (7)
- b) Explain why increasing numbers of people voted for the Nazis in the period 1928 to 1933. (7)
- c) How far was the Munich Putsch of 1923 a disaster for Hitler and the Nazi party? Explain your answer. (8)
- c) Was the Depression the most important reason why Hitler was able to come to power by the beginning of 1933? Explain your answer. (8)
- c) 'Popular support for Hitler was the most important reason why he became Chancellor in 1933.' How far do you agree with this view? Explain your answer. (8)
  - c) How far did the Munich Putsch help Hitler increase his support and eventually come to power in Germany? (8)

## **Hitler's CONSOLIDATION of power**

- a) Briefly describe what happened during, and immediately after, the Reichstag fire in 1933. (5)
  
- b) Explain why Hitler turned on Rohm and the SA in the Night of the Long Knives (1934.) (7)
- b) Explain why the Reichstag fire was important to Hitler. (7)
  
- c) Explain how Hitler was able to consolidate his power during 1933-34. (7)
  
- c) 'The Night of the Long Knives was more important than the Enabling Act in Hitler's consolidation of power in 1933-4.' How far do you agree with this statement? Explain your answer. (8)

## **The Nazi regime: How effectively did the Nazis control Germany, 1933-45?**

- a) Describe the different ways the Nazis used propaganda. (5)
- a) Briefly describe how Hitler dealt with opposition (5)
  
- b) Explain why the Nazis persecuted the Jews in Germany. (7)
- b) Explain why the Nazis changed their policy towards women in the period 1933-1945. (7)
  
- c) How successful were Nazi policies towards the young? Explain your answer. (8)
- c) 'Hitler had complete control over Germany between 1934 and 1945.' How far do you agree? Explain your answer. (8)
- d) How far were working-class Germans better off under the Nazis? (8)

## The Nazi regime: what was it like to live in Nazi Germany?

- a) Briefly describe the activities of the Hitler Youth. (5)
- a) Briefly describe the educational policies of the Nazis in German schools. (5)
- a) Briefly describe the work of members of the Hitler Youth during the Second World War. (5)
- a) Briefly describe the Nazi policies towards churches. (5)
- a) Briefly describe Nazi attitudes towards the Jews. (5)
  
- b) Explain why the Nazis tried to change the role of women in German society. (7)
- b) Explain how the Second World War changed the lives of people in Germany. (7)
- b) Explain how the Second World War affected women in Germany. (7)
- b) Why were German families important to the Nazis? (7)
- b) Explain how the Nazis changed the lives of German women between 1933 and 1945. (7)
  
- c) 'The policies of the Nazis towards women were a success.' How far do you agree with this statement? Explain your answer. (8)
- c) 'Most German people benefitted from Nazi rule.' How far do you agree with this statement? Explain your answer. (8)
- c) 'Popular support in Germany for the Nazi regime decreased during the Second World War.' To what extent do you agree with this statement? Explain your answer.
- c) How far do you agree that the Nazi economic policies were a success between 1933 and 1945? Explain your answer. (8)
- c) How successful were the Nazis in winning the loyalty and support of young people in Germany? Explain your answer. (8)