

AS HISTORY

Democracy and Nazism: Germany, 1918–1945
Component 20 The Weimar Republic, 1918–1933

Monday 20 May 2024 Afternoon Time allowed: 1 hour 30 minutes

Materials

For this paper you must have:

- an AQA 16-page answer book.

Instructions

- Use black ink or black ball-point pen.
- Write the information required on the front of your answer book. The **Paper Reference** is 7041/20.
- Answer **two** questions.
In **Section A** answer Question 01.
In **Section B** answer **either** Question 02 **or** Question 03.

Information

- The marks for questions are shown in brackets.
- The maximum mark for this paper is 50.
- You will be marked on your ability to:
 - use good English
 - organise information clearly
 - use specialist vocabulary where appropriate.

Advice

- You are advised to spend about:
 - 50 minutes on Section A
 - 40 minutes on Section B.

Section AAnswer Question 01.

Source A

From a proclamation made by the right-wing nationalist, Wolfgang Kapp, 13 March 1920.

Empire and nation are in danger! We are rapidly approaching the total collapse of our state. The ineffective Republic, lacking authority, is not capable of mastering the danger of external and internal collapse. Away with a government in which someone like Erzberger can be promoted to the top. My new government will carry out the terms of the peace treaty, where this can be achieved without harming the ability of German people to live and work, and without dishonouring them. We will develop our economy so that the honest workers of Germany are protected from international domination. We will support every German citizen who fulfils the duty that belongs to the Fatherland.

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Source B

From a lecture, 'On the German Republic', delivered in Berlin by the German novelist, Thomas Mann, 13 October 1922. Mann supported democracy.

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Source B is from a lecture by a German novelist, Thomas Mann. In his lecture, Mann, a supporter of democracy, is appealing to the German youth making the case for supporting the Weimar Republic.

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With reference to these sources and your understanding of the historical context, which of these two sources is more valuable in explaining German attitudes to the Weimar Republic in the years 1919 to 1922?

[25 marks]

Section B

Answer **either** Question 02 **or** Question 03.

Either

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'The Weimar Republic was politically stable in the years 1924 to 1928.'

Explain why you agree or disagree with this view.

[25 marks]

or

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'Hitler was personally responsible for the growth of Nazism in the years 1928 to January 1933.'

Explain why you agree or disagree with this view.

[25 marks]

END OF QUESTIONS

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