The Germany Unit is paper 3. There are 6 questions in this exam paper.

**The first question is a 4 mark inference question.**

- You need to make two supported inferences to achieve maximum marks
- A supported inference is one which uses details from the source to prove the inference

Example – Give two things you can infer about attitudes towards the Kaiser from looking at this cartoon?

![Daily Mirror Reflections](image)

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**i)** What I can infer:

You can learn that the Kaiser was not popular in Germany and by 1919 he was under pressure to stand down.

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Details in the source that tell me this: The cartoon shows the Kaiser and perhaps one of his ministers being kicked out of Germany, possibly for his poor handling of World War One.

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**ii)** What I can infer:

You can also learn that in Britain the Kaiser was not seen as a good leader and did not have popular support

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Details in the source that tell me this: The Kaiser was subsequently forced to abdicate, which is reflected in the cartoon with him being ‘booted out of Germany’.

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Section A

Give two things you can infer from Source D about the Weimar Constitution. (4 marks)

Source D From a speech to the new Constituent Assembly by Hugo Preuss, head of the Commission that drew up the Weimar Constitution in 1919. He was talking about the new constitution.

I have often listened to the debates with real concern, glancing timidly to the gentlemen of the Right, fearful lest they say to me: Do you hope to give a parliamentary system to a nation like this, one that resists it with every sinew in its body? One finds suspicion everywhere; Germans cannot shake off their old political timidity and their deference to the authoritarian state.

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Give two things you can infer from Source A about the German reactions to the Treaty of Versailles. (4 marks)

**Source A** From a German newspaper, *Deutsche Zeitung*, 28 June 1919

Vengeance! German nation! Today in the Hall of Mirrors [Versailles] the disgraceful treaty is being signed. Do not forget it. The German people will, with unceasing work, press forward to reconquer the place among nations to which it is entitled. Then will come vengeance for the shame of 1919.

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Give two things you can infer from Source A about how well Germany was being governed in November 1918.

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**Source A**
From the papers of Jan Smuts, a South African politician who visited Germany in 1918.

... mother-land of our civilization [Germany] lies in ruins, exhausted by the most terrible struggle in history, with its peoples broke, starving, despairing, from sheer nervous exhaustion, mechanically struggling forward along the paths of anarchy [disorder with no strong authority] and war.

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Give two things you can infer from Source D about the Spartacists. (4 marks)

**Source D** From an article in a government newspaper, 1919
The despicable actions of Liebknecht and Rosa Luxemburg soil the revolution and endanger all its achievements. The masses must not sit quiet for one minute longer while these brutal beasts and their followers paralyse the activities of the republican government and incite the people more and more to civil war.

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Give two things you can infer from Source E about the Freikrops. (4 marks)

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\[\textbf{Source E} \text{ Soldiers and Freikorps troops in Berlin 1920. Note the swastika on some of the helmets and the presence of the flag of the Second Reich, the name given to the German Empire, 1871–1918}\]
Give two things you can infer from Source A about Germany recovery. (4 marks)

**Source A** From a German journalist, written in 1930
In comparison with what we expected after Versailles, Germany has raised herself up to shoulder the terrific burden of this peace in a way we would never have thought possible. So that today after ten years we may say with certainty 'Even so, it might have been worse'. The stage of convalescence from Versailles is a very long road to go and we have travelled it surprisingly quickly.

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Give two things you can infer from Source A about Hitler’s early career. (4 marks)

Source A From Mein Kampf, written by Hitler in 1924. Here he is describing his time in Vienna
My life was a continuous struggle with hunger ... I had but one pleasure – my books. At that time I read enormously and thoroughly ... In this way I forged in a few years’ time the foundation of a knowledge from which I still draw nourishment today ... In this period there took shape within me a world picture and a philosophy which became the granite foundation of all my acts. In addition to what I then created, I have had to learn little and I have had to alter nothing.

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Give two things you can infer from Source A about the NSDAP in the 1920’s. (4 marks)

**Source A**

Extracts from the Twenty-Five Point Programme, originally produced by the DAP in February 1920.

1. We demand the union of all Germans in a Greater Germany.
2. We demand equality of rights for the German people in its dealings with other nations.
3. We demand land and colonies to feed our people and settle our surplus population.
4. Only those of German blood... are members of the nation. No Jew may be a member of the nation.
5. We demand that the State’s primary duty must be to promote work and the livelihood of its citizens.
6. All citizens shall have equal rights and equal duties.
7. We demand... a law to take from the owners any land needed for the common good of the people.
8. We demand... the creation of a people’s army.
9. We demand the creation of a strong central state power for the Reich.

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Give two things you can infer from Source H about Hitler’s views on politics. (4 marks)

Source H Comments made by Hitler as a prisoner in Landsberg. He was speaking to a fellow Nazi inmate when I resume active work, it will be necessary to follow a new policy. Instead of working to achieve power by armed conspiracy, we shall have to hold our noses and enter parliament against the Catholic and Communist members. If out-voting them takes longer than out-shooting them, at least the results will be guaranteed by their own constitution. Sooner or later, we shall have a majority in parliament.

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Give two things you can infer from Source D about Hitler and propaganda. (4 marks)

Source D An extract from Mein Kampf, Hitler’s autobiography
Propaganda must confine itself to a very few points and repeat them endlessly. Here, as with so many things in this world, persistence is the first and foremost condition of success.

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Give two things you can infer from Source I about support for Hitler in the 1930’s. (4 marks)

Source I An anti-Hitler poster by a communist, John Heartfield. Born Helmut Herzfeld, he changed his name as a protest against the Nazis. He fled Germany in 1933. The caption reads ‘The meaning of the Hitler salute. Motto: millions stand behind me! Little man asks for big gifts’

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Give two things you can infer from Source F about Nazi propaganda. (4 marks)

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Ministry of Propaganda order, March 1934.
Attention! On Wednesday 21 March, the Führer is speaking on all German [radio] stations from 11 a.m. to 11.50 a.m... All factory owners, stores, offices, shops, pubs and flats must put up speakers an hour before, so that the whole workforce can hear.

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Give two things you can infer from Source A about the effects of unemployment. (4 marks)

**Source A** From 'A fairytale of Christmas', a short story written in 1931 by Rudolf Leonhard, a member of the Communist Party (KPD). Leonhard was writing about the unemployed in Germany.

No one knew how many of them there were. They completely filled the streets ... They stood or lay about in the streets as if they had taken root there. The streets were grey, their faces were grey, and even the hair on their heads and the stubble on the cheeks of the youngest there was grey with dust and their adversity.

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Give two things you can infer from Source K about the Night of the Long Knives. (4 marks)

Source K. A cartoon from the London Evening Standard, 3 July 1934. The caption reads: 'They salute with both hands now'. Goering is standing to Hitler's right dressed as a Viking hero and Goebbels is on his knees behind Hitler. The words 'Hitler's unkept promises' appear on the paper in front of the SA and 'the double cross' above and below Hitler's armband.

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Give two things you can infer from Source J about Hitler. (4 marks)

**Source J** From Hitler’s speech to the Reichstag on 13 July 1934, justifying his actions in the Night of the Long Knives concerning the SA

In the circumstances I had to make but one decision. If disaster was to be prevented at all, action had to be taken with lightning speed. Only a ruthless and bloody intervention might still perhaps stifle the spread of revolt. If anyone reproaches me and asks why I did not resort to the regular courts of justice for conviction of the offenders, then all I can say is, 'In this hour I was responsible for the fate of the German people and therefore I became the supreme judge of the German people.'

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Give two things you can infer from Source D about life in Germany under the Nazis. (4 marks)

**Source D** An incident reported in the Rhineland, July 1938

In a cafe, a 64-year-old woman remarked to her companion at the table: ‘Mussolini [leader of Italy] has more political sense in one of his boots than Hitler has in his brain.’ The remark was overheard and five minutes later the woman was arrested by the Gestapo, who had been alerted by telephone.

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Give two things you can infer from Source E about the treatment of prisoners in concentration camps. (4 marks)

Source E: Edward Adler, a survivor, describes his journey to and arrival at Sachsenhausen concentration camp in 1934.

One particular incident I recall like it was yesterday. An old gentleman with the name of Solomon, I’ll never forget. He must have been well into his seventies. He simply couldn’t run. He couldn’t run and he collapsed, and he laid in the road, and one of the storm troopers stepped on his throat. This is true. Unbelievable, but true, ’til the man was dead. We had to pick up his body and throw him to the side of the road, and we continued on into the camp, where we were assembled in a courtyard, and a strange incident happened at that time. We faced a barrack, a door on the right, a door on the left. People went in the left door, came out the right door, entirely different people. Their hair was shaven off, they had a prisoner’s uniform on, a very wide, striped uniform. My number was 6199.

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Give two things you can infer from Source A about the Catholic Church in Nazi Germany. (4 marks)

Source A From police reports in Bavaria in 1937 and 1938
The influence of the Catholic Church on the population is so strong that the Nazi spirit cannot penetrate. The local population is ever under the strong influence of the priests. These people prefer to believe what the priests say from the pulpit than the words of the best Nazi speakers.

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Give two things you can infer from Source B about the Gestapo. (4 marks)

Source B From *Germany Reborn* by Hermann Goering, written in 1934 explaining his role in setting up the Gestapo

Finally, I alone created, on my own initiative, the State Secret Police Department. This is the instrument which is so much feared by the enemies of the State, and which is chiefly responsible for the fact that in Germany and Prussia today there is no question of a Marxist or Communist danger.

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Give two things you can infer from Source C about the Hitler Youth. (4 marks)

**Source C** Hitler Youth member, private letter, 1936

How did we live in Camp S—, which is supposed to be an example to all the camps? We practically didn't have a minute of the day to ourselves. This isn't camp life, no sir! It's military barrack life! Drill starts right after a meagre breakfast. We would like to have athletics but there isn't any. Instead we have military exercises, down in the mud, till the tongue hangs out of your mouth. And we have only one wish: sleep, sleep ... 

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Give two things you can infer from Source B about the role of women in Nazi Germany. (4 marks)

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Give two things you can infer from Source F about the Hitler Youth. (4 marks)

Source F

What I liked about the Hitler Youth was the comradeship. I was full of enthusiasm. What boy isn’t fired by ideals such as comradeship, loyalty and honour and the trips off into the countryside and sport? Later... negative aspects became obvious. The compulsion and obedience were unpleasant. I preferred people to have a will of their own... In our troop, the activity was almost entirely boring military drill.

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Give two things you can infer from Source A about how Hitler kept power. (4 marks)

Source A

From a speech by David Lloyd George, an ex-prime minister of Britain, speaking to the British press in 1937.

Whatever one may think of his (Hitler’s) methods... there can be no doubt that he has achieved a marvellous transformation in the spirit of the people... and in their social and economic outlook... As to his popularity, especially among the youth of Germany, there can be no manner of doubt. The old trust him; the young idolise him. It is not the admiration accorded to a popular leader. It is the worship of a national hero who has saved his country from utter despondency and degradation.

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Give two things you can infer from Source Q about Goebbels’ use of propaganda. (4 marks)

**Source Q Goebbels explaining the use of propaganda**
The finest kind of propaganda does not reveal itself. The best propaganda is that which works invisibly, penetrating every cell of life in such a way that the public has no idea of the aims of the propagandist.

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Give two things you can infer from Source C about education in Nazi Germany. (4 marks)

**Source C** From the memoirs, written in the 1960s, of a German who was a student in the 1930s

No one in our class ever read *Mein Kampf*. I myself only used the book for quotations. In general we didn’t do much about Nazi ideas. Anti-Semitism wasn’t mentioned much by our teachers except through Richard Wagner’s essay ‘The Jews in Music’. We did, however, do a lot of physical education and cookery.

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Give two things you can infer from Source B about Hitler’s attitude towards the Jews. (4 marks)

**Source B** From a speech given by Hitler in 1922
There can be no compromise. There are only two possibilities: either victory of the Aryan master race, or the wiping out of the Aryan and the victory of the Jew.

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Give two things you can infer from Source L about the treatment of the Jews in Nazi Germany. (4 marks)

**Source L The Reich Citizenship Law, 1935**

Only a national of Germany or similar blood, who proves by his behaviour that he is willing and able loyally to serve the German people and Reich is a citizen of the Reich. A Jew may not be a citizen of the Reich. He has no vote. He may not hold any public office.

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The second question in Paper 3 is a 12 mark explain question.

- This is a causation question. You therefore need to explain the reasons provided in the question.
- For each reason you need to write a developed paragraph (PEEL)
- You should back-up your answer with detail from your own knowledge.
- You should come up with a third reason from your own knowledge (max. 9 marks for answers that do not)

Explain why the Weimar Republic recovered in the years 1924-29. Explain why the Weimar Republic recovered in the years 1924-1929
You may use the following in your answer:
- The Dawes Plan
- The Locarno Pact (12 marks)

The Weimar Republic recovered in the years 1924-1929 for three main reasons; The Dawes Plan 1924, the Locarno Pact 1925 and the Rentenmark. The most important of these reasons was the Rentenmark.

The most important reason why the Weimar Republic recovered was because of the Rentenmark. In 1923 Stresemann set up a new state bank called the Rentenbank. Faced with the problem of hyperinflation and the French Occupation of the Ruhr Stresemann Stresemann needed to stabilise the economy, he did this by creating a new currency called the Rentenmark. Unlike the old mark, this currency had real value and therefore people trusted it and their faith in the German economy was restored. However, the Rentenmark did not solve the economic problems for everyone in Germany. The middle class who lost their savings under hyperinflation were never compensated. This meant that the recovery of the Weimar Republic happened for some but not all Germans. This was the most important reason for the recovery of the Weimar as it started a period of economic stability which led to political stability.

A second reason why the Weimar Republic recovered was because of the Dawes Plan 1924. Germany had been failing to repay the reparations to the Allies and in an attempt to resolve this, Stresemann agreed the Dawes Plan. Under this plan, the reparations were temporarily reduced and the US banks loaned German $25 billion. This meant that the Weimar Republic were able to continue their economic recovery started by the Rentenmark. This was not the most important reason for the recovery of the Weimar Republic as the Dawes Plan had problems. It was a temporary measure and made the German economy reliant on American loans.

A third reason why the Weimar recovered in the years 1924-1929 was the Locarno Pact. In 1925 Stresemann agreed a pact with other European countries; Britain, France and Belgium. This pact stated that Germany and France would accept new borders and that talks about Germany entering the League of Nations could begin. This helped the international recovery of the Weimar Republic. Unlike the Treaty of Versailles, the Locarno Pact was agreed by Germany and not simply imposed on it. This pact also made war in Europe less likely and demonstrated that Germany was once again being treated as an equal. However, not all political parties agreed with the pact and therefore it is not the most important reason for the recovery of the Weimar as it did cause some political instability.

Overall, there were a number of reasons why the Weimar Republic recovered in the years 1924-1929. However, the recovery was temporary and was felt more by some rather than all Germans.
Explain why there were economic problems in the Weimar Republic from 1919-1923
You may use the following in your answer:
- Hyperinflation
- Treaty of Versailles You must also use information of your own. (12 marks)
Explain why there were challenges to the Weimar Republic in the years 1919-23. You may use the following in your answer:
- The Kapp Putsch
- The Spartacists
You must also use information of your own. (12 marks)
Explain why there was opposition in Germany to the Treaty of Versailles 1919.
You may use the following in your answer:
- Article 231
- Territorial terms
You must also use information of your own. (12 marks)
Explain why 1924-29 was a ‘Golden Age’ in the Weimar Republic. You may use the following in your answer:
- Stresemann
- Locarno
You must also use information of your own.
Explain why Hitler carried out the Munich Putsch.
You may use the following in your answer:
- Hyperinflation
- Treaty of Versailles  You must also use information of your own. (12 marks)
Explain why the Munich Putsch failed.
You may use the following in your answer:
- The German army
- Bavarian leaders
You must also use information of your own. (12 marks)
Explain why there was increased support for the Nazis in the years 1929-32. You may use the following in your answer:
- Propaganda
- Unemployment
You must also use information of your own. (12 marks)
Explain why the Nazi police state was successful between 1933-39.
You may use the following in your answer:
- The Gestapo
- Concentration camps
You must also use information of your own. (12 marks)
Explain why there was so little resistance and opposition to Hitler and the Nazis in Germany in the years 1933-39. You may use the following in your answer:
- Propaganda
- The Gestapo
You must also use information of your own. (12 marks)
Explain why unemployment fell in Germany between 1933 and 1939.
You may use the following in your answer:
- Rearmament
- Autobahns You must also use information of your own. (12 marks)
Explain why the Nazis tried to control the church in Germany.
You may use the following in your answer:
- Roman Catholic Church
- German Faith Movement
You must also use information of your own. (12 marks)
Explain why there was increased support for the Nazi in the years 1929-32.
You may use the following in your answer:
- Goebbels
- Unemployment
You must also use information of your own. (12 marks)
Explain why Hitler was able to increase his control over Germany between 1933 and 1939. You may use the following in your answer:
- The Enabling Act
- The Night of the Long Knives
You must also use information of your own. (12 marks)
Explain why sport changed under the Nazis in the years 1933-39. 77
You may use the following in your answer:
- Healthy Nation
- Racial beliefs
You must also use information of your own. (12 marks)
Explain why there were changes to the lives young people in Nazi Germany in the years 1933-39. You may use the following in your answer:
- Nazi ideals
- Education You must also use information of your own. (12 marks)
Explain why the Hitler Youth had only mixed success among young people in Germany.
You may use the following in your answer:
- Comradeship
- Compulsory membership
You must also use information of your own. (12 marks)
Explain why there was a great reduction in unemployment in Germany in the years 1933-39.
You may use the following in your answer:
- Rearmament
- The Reich Labour Service
You must also use information of your own. (12 marks)
Explain why there were changes to the lives of Jewish people in Nazi Germany in the years 1933-39. You may use the following in your answer:
- The Nuremberg Laws 1935
- Kristallnacht 1938  You must also use information of your own. (12 marks)
The third question is a source utility question. You need to evaluate how useful two sources are for a specific enquiry. This is worth 8 marks.

Points to consider:
- What is the nature and origin of the source?
- What is the purpose of this source? (What was the motive/intention of the produced/author/painter? For example, a private letter is more useful as the person who wrote it gives generally their honest views depending on who they are writing to)
- Was this source created by someone who did or did not witness the event and might not know what happened?
- Who wrote/produced it and are their views worth knowing? If it was a top Nazi then they would generally be ‘in the know’ and have a fairly accurate view of their department like Goebbels and propaganda.
- You must use your knowledge of the historical context to assess the sources usefulness.
- What is useful about the content? What does it mention and does it match your own knowledge? If not it doesn’t mean that the source is not useful.
- Remember the question is ‘how useful’ not ‘how is this source not useful’.
- What views does the source give about the feelings of people and can you support that with your own knowledge?
- Was this source written down/drawn years later when events might have been forgotten?
- If the source is all opinion is it typical of others at the time? (Does it represent other people’s opinions as well?)

How useful are Sources B and C for an enquiry into the way Hitler controlled the law courts? Explain your answer, using Sources B and C and your own knowledge of the historical context. (8 marks)

**Source B. A speech by Hans Frank from 1936. Hitler appointed Frank as President of the German Academy of Law.**

“The basis for interpreting all legal sources is the Nazi philosophy, especially as expressed in the party programme and in the speeches of the Fuhrer.”

**Source C. A letter from Hitler’s private office, sent to the Gestapo. He had been convicted of hoarding eggs after the start of the Second World War.**

“The Fuhrer has seen the newspaper cutting about the sentencing of the Jew, Markus Luftgas, to 2 ½ years in prison. He desires that Luftgas should be executed. Please make the arrangements.”

Sources B is useful to some extent. The content of the source is useful as it is supported by my own knowledge. Source B states that; ‘the basis for interpreting all legal sources is the Nazi philosophy.’ From my own knowledge this is true as I know that the law courts and judges to control people and he set up the Nationalist Socialist League for the Maintenance of the Law. The source is also useful in its origin. It was said by a Nazi called Hans Frank who was President of the German Academy of Law. This means that it is useful because Frank understood and was in charge controlling the legal system for the advantage of the Nazi Party. However, the source is limited in its nature and purpose. This is because it is part of a speech given by Hans Frank who was a Nazi appointed by Hitler. The Nazis used speeches as part of their propaganda campaign and therefore the purpose of the speech is likely to be propaganda.
Source C is useful to some extent. In terms of its content it states that Hitler ordered the sentence of a Jewish criminal to be increased and for the person to be executed. From my own knowledge I know that the Hitler was Anti-Semitic and punished Jews harshly. Between 1934-39, 534 people were sentenced to death. However, the content is limited as it does not provide information about how the law courts operated just information about the sentence. The source is useful in terms of its nature, origin and purpose. This is because it is a letter from Hitler’s private office sent by the Gestapo. Therefore, it is likely to be reliable and accurate and how cases like this were handled as this letter was not intended to be read by the wider public.

Overall, both sources are useful but source C is more useful than source B as its nature and origin are more reliable.

This is a good answer because........
How useful are Source B and Source F for an enquiry into the recovery of the Weimar Republic between 1923 and 1929? (8 marks)

Source B
A right-wing cartoon published in 1923. The figure behind the curtain represents the USA. Wall Street was the US financial centre. The caption says ‘Here is your enemy’.

Source F
A German journalist, writing in 1929.
In comparison with what we expected after Versailles, Germany has raised herself up. It now shoulders the terrific burden of that peace in a way we should never have thought possible. The bad feeling of Versailles has been conquered.
How useful are Sources F and G for an enquiry into the effects of hyperinflation on Germany? (8 marks)

**Source F** A cartoon published in Germany by the satirical magazine *Südwest-Zeitung* in 1923. It had the caption 'Paper money at the top and 'Bread' at the bottom.'

**Source G** A German woman in 1923, holding currency notes, which burn longer than the amount of firewood they can buy.
How useful are Sources H and I for an enquiry into the development of the Nazi Party 1924-29? (8 marks)

**Source H** Comments made by Hitler as a prisoner in Landsberg. He was speaking to a fellow Nazi inmate.
When I resume active work, it will be necessary to follow a new policy. Instead of working to achieve power by armed conspiracy, we shall have to hold our noses and enter parliament against the Catholic and Communist members. If out-voting them takes longer than out-shooting them, at least the results will be guaranteed by their own constitution. Sooner or later, we shall have a majority in parliament.

**Source I** Hitler at a Nazi Party rally, Weimar, July 1926.
Hitler is standing in the car on the left of the photo with his arm raised.
How useful are Source A and B for an enquiry into attitudes towards the Treaty of Versailles? (8 marks)

**Source A** From a German newspaper, *Deutsche Zeitung*, 28 June 1919

Vengeance! German nation! Today in the Hall of Mirrors [Versailles] the disgraceful treaty is being signed. Do not forget it. The German people will, with unceasing work, press forward to reconquer the place among nations to which it is entitled. Then will come vengeance for the shame of 1919.

**Source B** A cartoon entitled 'Clemenceau the Vampire'. From the German right-wing satirical magazine *Kischermann*, July 1919. Clemenceau was the leader of France. The cartoon is commenting about the Treaty of Versailles.
How useful are Sources A and B for an enquiry into German recovery in the years 1924-29? (8 marks)

Source A: From a German journalist, written in 1930
In comparison with what we expected after Versailles, Germany has raised itself up to shoulder the terrific burden of this peace in a way we would never have thought possible. So that today after ten years we may say with certainty ‘Even so, it might have been worse’. The stage of convalescence from Versailles is a very long road to go and we have travelled it surprisingly quickly.

Source B: From a speech by Stresemann, 1929
The economic position is only flourishing on the surface. Germany is in fact dancing on a volcano. If the short-term loans are called in by America, a large section of our economy would collapse.
How useful are Sources A and B for an enquiry into the Reich Labour Service? (8 marks)
How useful are Sources J and L for an enquiry into the treatment of the Jews in Nazi Germany. (8 marks)

**Source L** The Reich Citizenship Law, 1935

Only a national of Germany or similar blood, who proves by his behaviour that he is willing and able loyally to serve the German people and Reich is a citizen of the Reich. A Jew may not be a citizen of the Reich. He has no vote. He may not hold any public office.

**Source J** The SA-enforced boycott of Jewish shops in April 1933
How useful are Sources D and E for an enquiry into the early Nazi Party? (8 marks)

**Source D**
The pledge of loyalty and obedience taken by members of the SA
As a member of the NSDAP, I pledge myself by its storm flag to:

- be always ready to stake life and limb in the struggle for the aims of the movement
- give absolute military obedience to my military superiors and leaders
- bear myself honourably in and out of service.

**Source E**
A member of the Nazi Party describing one of Hitler's speeches in 1922.
My critical faculty was swept away. Leaning forward as if he were trying to force his inner self into the consciousness of all these thousands, he was holding the masses, and me with them, under a hypnotic spell by the sheer force of his belief.... I forgot everything but the man, then glancing around, I saw that his magnetism was holding these thousands as one.
How useful are Sources B and C for an enquiry into the Reichstag fire? (8 marks)

**Source B** From the memoirs of Rudolf Diels, Head of the Prussian police in 1923. He was writing about Hitler’s reaction to the Reichstag fire. Diels arrived at the Reichstag soon after it had been set on fire on 27 February 1933. He wrote his memoirs in 1950.

Shortly after my arrival at the burning Reichstag, the National Socialist leaders arrived. Hitler was standing on a balcony gazing at the red ocean of fire. As I entered, Goering came towards me. His voice was heavy with the emotion: “This is the beginning of the Communist revolt, they will start their attack now! Not a moment must be lost.” Hitler turned to the assembled company. Now I saw that his face was purple with agitation and with the heat. He shouted uncontrollably, as I had never seen him go before, as if he was going to burst: “There will be no mercy now. Anyone who stands in our way will be cut down. Every communist official will be shot where he is found. Everybody in league with the Communists must be arrested. There will also no longer be leniency for Social Democrats.”

**Source C** From My Part in Hitler’s Fight by Joseph Goebbels, written in 1935.

Hitler came to supper at 9 p.m. Suddenly, the telephone rang. The Reichstag is burning! I thought the news was pure fantasy and, at first, did not inform the Führer. After a few more calls, I was able to confirm that the terrible news was true ... We raced to the scene at top speed. Goering met us and soon Pappen arrived. It had already been established that the fire was due to arson. There could be no doubt that the Communists had made a final attempt to seize power by creating an atmosphere of panic and terror.
Study Source B and Source C. How useful are Sources B and C for an enquiry into the strength of democracy in Germany by 1932? (8 marks)

Source B

A campaign poster in the presidential elections of 1932. It says that Germany would be on the road to self-destruction unless Hindenburg was re-elected.

Source C

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"[Brüning] is weak" [Brau] said. "What these swine need is a man with hair on his cheeks." ... People said that the Nazis would be in power by Christmas.
How useful are Sources B and C for an enquiry into the Hitler Youth? (8 marks)

**Source B** From a British magazine, 1938
There seems little enthusiasm for the Hitler Youth, with membership falling. Many no longer want to be commanded, but wish to do as they like. Usually only a third of a group appears for roll-call. At evening meetings it is a great event if 20 turn up out of 80, but usually there are only about 10 or 12.

**Source C** Hitler Youth member, private letter, 1936
How did we live in Camp S—, which is supposed to be an example to all the camps? We practically didn’t have a minute of the day to ourselves. This isn’t camp life, no sir! It’s military barrack life! Drill starts right after a meagre breakfast. We would like to have athletics but there isn’t any. Instead we have military exercises, down in the mud, till the tongue hangs out of your mouth. And we have only one wish: sleep, sleep ...
How useful are Sources G and I for an enquiry into the life of women in Nazi Germany? (8 marks)

Source I: Marianne Gartner was a member of the League of German Girls and remembers one of its meetings in 1936. At one meeting the team leader raised her voice. 'There is no greater honour for a German woman than to bear children for the Führer and for the Fatherland.' The Führer has ruled that no family will be complete without at least four children. A German woman does not use make-up! A German woman does not smoke! She has a duty to keep herself fit and healthy! Any questions?' ‘Why isn’t the Führer married and a father himself?’ I asked.

Source G: German cartoon from the 1930s. The caption reads ‘Introducing Frau Müller who up to now has brought 12 children into the world’
How useful are Sources B and P for an enquiry into the attitudes of the Nazis to the Christian Church? (8 marks)

**Source N** A Protestant pastor speaking in a 'German Christian' church in 1937
We all know that if the Third Reich were to collapse today, communism would come in its place. Therefore we must show loyalty to the Führer who has saved us from communism and given us a better future. Support the 'German Christian' Church.

**Source P** A protest poster by John Heartfield, a communist artist who opposed the Nazis. The words translate to 'The cross wasn't heavy enough'
How useful are Sources F and G for an enquiry into the concerns Hitler had about the SA? (8 marks)

**Source G** From comments made by Ernst Röhm to Kurt Lüdecke in January 1934. Lüdecke was a fundraiser for the Nazi Party and was a close friend of Röhm.

Hitler can't walk over me as he might have done a year ago; I've seen to that. Don't forget that I have three million men, with every key position in the hands of my own people, Hitler knows that I have friends in the Reichswehr (Germany's armed forces), you know! If Hitler is reasonable I shall settle the matter quietly; if he isn't I must be prepared to use force — not for my sake but for the sake of our revolution.

**Source F** From a report by Wilhelm Frick, Minister of the Interior, 6 October 1933.

Despite repeated announcements by the Reich Chancellor (Hitler), and despite numerous circulars, new infringements by subordinate leaders and by members of the SA have been reported again and again during the past weeks. Above all, SA leaders and SA men have carried out police actions for which they had no authority whatever ... and which cannot be reconciled with the existing laws and regulations. These infringements must now stop.
How useful are Sources A and B for an enquiry into the effects of unemployment on Germany? (8 marks)

Source A From 'A fairytale of Christmas', a short story written in 1931 by Rudolf Leonhard, a member of the Communist Party (KPD). Leonhard was writing about the unemployed in Germany. No one knew how many of them there were. They completely filled the streets... They stood or lay about in the streets as if they had taken root there. The streets were grey, their faces were grey, and even the hair on their heads and the stubble on the cheeks of the youngest there was grey with dust and their adversity.

Source B Unemployed in Hanover, queuing for their benefits in 1932. Note the writing on the wall of the building. Translated it says 'Vote Hitler'
How useful are Sources N and O for an enquiry into the role of Hitler in increasing support for the Nazis in the years 1929-32? (8 marks)

**Source N** Adapted from the diary of Luise Solmitz, 23 March 1932. A schoolteacher, Solmitz was writing about attending a meeting in Hamburg at which Hitler spoke.

There stood Hitler in a simple black coat, looking over the crowd of 120,000 people of all classes and ages... a forest of swastika flags unfurled, the joy of this moment showed itself in a roaring salute. The crowd looked up to Hitler with touching faith, as their helper, their saviour, their deliverer from unbearable distress. He is the rescuer of the scholar, the farmer, the worker and the unemployed.
How useful are Source G and H for an enquiry into the Hitler Youth? (8 marks)

**Source G**  The memories of a Hitler Youth leader
What I liked about the Hitler Youth was the camaraderie. I was full of enthusiasm when I joined the Young People at the age of ten. I can still remember how deeply moved I was when I heard the club motto: 'Young People are hard. They can keep a secret. They are loyal. They are comrades.' And then there were the trips! Is anything nicer than enjoying the splendours of the homeland in the company of one's comrades?

**Source H**  From a British magazine, 1938
There seems little enthusiasm for the Hitler Youth, with membership falling. Many no longer want to be commanded, but wish to do as they like. Usually only a third of a group appears for roll-call. At evening meetings it is a great event if 20 turn up out of 80, but usually there are only about 10 or 12.
How useful are Sources C and D for an enquiry into the way Hitler came to power? (8 marks)

**Source C**

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' [Bruning] is weak' [they] said. “What these swine need is a man with hair on his chest.” ... People said that the Nazis would be in power by Christmas.

**Source D**

*A 1933 cartoon from the British political magazine Punch. It shows Hindenburg (on the left) and von Papen (on the right) lifting Hitler to power.*
Study Sources F and J. How useful are Sources F and J for an enquiry into attitudes of Germans towards Nazi policies towards women? (8 marks)
Questions four, five and six are all linked to the analysis of the same interpretations and sources.

The fourth question is about Interpretations
- For this question you must identify a valid difference with support from both interpretations.
- You should write approx. 4 sentences and back-up your answer with detail from the interpretation.
- You should spend approx. 6 minutes on the write-up of your answer.

The fifth question asks you to explain why two interpretations differ. This is also worth 4 marks. To answer this you must give a valid reason for the different views in the interpretations and support it using the sources.

The sixth question asks you how far you agree with a specified interpretation. It is worth 20 marks. 16 marks plus 4 SPAG marks. You must analyse and evaluate both interpretations using your own knowledge. You must make a clear judgement that is backed up by the interpretations and your own knowledge. For high SPAG marks you must demonstrate accuracy, effective control of meaning and the use of a wide range of specialist terms.

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**Question**
Suggest one reason why Interpretations 1 and 2 give different views about the extent of German recovery in the years 1924–29. You may use the Sources A and B to help explain your answer.

**Interpretation 1** From Weimar and Nazi Germany, F. Reynolds, published in 1996
From 1924 to 1929 the Weimar Republic was much stronger than it had been just after the war. Led by Stresemann in the Reichstag, the different parties managed to work together. The extreme parties such as the Nazis gained fewer seats in the elections. The German people were better off and more contented. The Weimar Republic looked safe.

**Interpretation 2** From Weimar and Nazi Germany, E. Wimott, published in 1997
German prosperity was built on quicksand foundations. The Weimar economy was dependent upon high-interest American loans, which usually had to be repaid or renewed within three months. In times of depression, US money lenders could demand rapid repayment. Moreover, unemployment never fell below 1.3 million. Although big business grew in the 1920s, small firms struggled and many went bankrupt.

**Source A** From a speech by Stresemann, 1929
The economic position is only flourishing on the surface. Germany is in fact dancing on a volcano. If the short-term loans are called in by America, a large section of our economy would collapse.

**Source B** From a German journalist, written in 1930
In comparison with what we expected after Versailles, Germany has raised herself up to shoulder the terrific burden of this peace in a way we would never have thought possible. So that today after ten years we may say with certainty 'Even so, it might have been worse'. The stage of convalescence from Versailles is a very long road to go and we have travelled it surprisingly quickly.
First possible reason (remember you only have to explain one of the reasons)

The interpretations may differ because they have given weight to two different sources. You need to identify the views given in the two sources.

Source B suggests that the recovery was too dependent on the USA and could soon collapse. Source A suggests that the recovery was very successful after the problems caused by the Treaty of Versailles.

Second possible reason (remember you only have to explain one of the reasons)

Now you need to show how the sources match the views of the two interpretations and identify the views given in the interpretations that match.

Source B provides some support for Interpretation 2, which stresses that the recovery of the Republic was based on weak foundations. Source A provides some support for Interpretation 1 which suggests that the Republic recovered well from the problems it had faced after the First World War.

Third possible reason (remember you only have to explain one of the reasons)

The interpretations may differ because they are partial extracts and in this case they do not actually contradict one another. Remember to make reference to the views given in each interpretation.

Both interpretations suggest that the Weimar Republic did recover in the years 1924-29. Interpretation 1 says that there was political recovery and Interpretation 2 emphasises the economic recovery, which was dependent on American loans.

Interpretation 1 focuses more on the political recovery of the Republic especially compared to the years after the First World War. On the other hand, Interpretation 2 focuses more on the economic recovery and the over-dependence on the USA.
Study Interpretations 1 and 2. They give different views about the reasons for increased support for the Nazis in the years 1929-32.

**Interpretation 1** From a history textbook, *GCSE Modern World History*, B. Walsh, published in 1996

The Nazis won increased support after 1929 due to Hitler. He was their greatest campaigning asset. He was a powerful speaker and was years ahead of his time as a communicator. He travelled by plane on a hectic tour of rallies all over Germany. He appeared as a dynamic man of the moment, the leader of a modern party with modern ideas. At the same time, he was able to appear to be the man of the people, someone who knew and understood the people and their problems. Nazi support rocketed.

**Source A** From ‘A fairy tale of Christmas’, a short story written in 1931, by Rudolf Leonhard, a member of the Communist Party (KPD). Leonhard was writing about the unemployed in Germany

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The Depression was the main reason for increased support for the Nazis. The government was taken by surprise at the speed and extent of the Depression. It also had very few answers as to how to deal with it. The Depression brought out all the weaknesses of the Weimar Republic, which seemed to be incapable of doing anything to end it. It is not surprising that the German people began to listen to parties promising to do something. In particular, they began to look to and support the Nazis.

**Source B** Adapted from the diary of Luise Solmitz, 23 March 1932. A schoolteacher, Solmitz was writing about attending a meeting in Hamburg at which Hitler spoke

There stood Hitler in a simple black coat, looking over the crowd of 120,000 people of all classes and ages ... a forest of swastika flags unfurled, the joy of this moment showed itself in a roaring saluto... The crowd looked up to Hitler with touching faith, as their helper, their saviour, their deliverer from unbearable distress ... He is the rescuer of the scholar, the farmer, the worker and the unemployed.

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What is the main difference between these views? (4 marks)

Suggest one reason why Interpretations 1 and 2 give different views about the reasons for increased support for the Nazis in the years 1929-32. You may use Sources A and B to help explain your answer. (4 marks)
How far do you agree with Interpretation 2 about the reasons for increased support for the Nazis in the years 1929-32? Explain your answer using both Interpretations and your knowledge of the historical context. (20 marks)
Study Interpretations 2 and 3 on pages 34 and 36. They give different views about the attitudes towards women in Weimar Germany.

What is the main difference between these views? (4 marks)

Suggest one reason why Interpretations 1 and 2 give different views about the reasons for increased support for the Nazis in the years 1929-32. (4 marks)
Study Interpretations 1 and Interpretation 3. They give different views about the reasons for the appeal of the Nazi Party to the German people 1929-33.

Interpretation 1

From The Coming of the Third Reich, by Richard J. Evans, published in 2004.

Nazi propaganda... skilfully targeted specific groups in the German electorate... providing topics for particular venues and picking the speaker to fit the occasion. The... Party recognised the growing divisions of German society into competing interest groups in the course of the Depression and tailored their message to their particular constituency. The Nazis adapted... a whole range of posters and leaflets designed to win over different parts of the electorate.

Interpretation 3


In 1930, he was offering something new to Germans – unity. He welcomed all. There was no class distinction; the only demand was to follow him in his fight against Jews and Reds, in his struggle for Lebensraum and the glory and good of Germany.

What is the main difference between these views? (4 marks)

Suggest one reason why Interpretations 1 and 2 give different views about the reasons for increased support for the Nazis in the years 1929-32. (4 marks)
Study Interpretations 1 and 2. They give different views about the threat which Rohm posed to Hitler in 1934. What is the main difference between these views?

**Interpretation 1**
The greatest threat came from within the Nazi Party... Rohm, as leader of the SA, was a genuine threat to Hitler's own position as leader. Rohm was the commander of a very large organisation of men whose members were increasingly violent and out of control... Moreover, Rohm favoured a 'second revolution'... which would lead to more socialist policies. The purge was also the result of a power struggle (between Rohm and) leading Nazis, like Herman Goering, the leader of the SS.

**Interpretation 2**
The smoothness with which the murders of 30 June were carried out is powerful proof that no Rohm plot was imminent. There was no resistance encountered anywhere. Many victims unsuspectingly surrendered voluntarily, believing it was a big mistake. The only shots fired were those of the executioners.

What is the main difference between these views? (4 marks)

Suggest one reason why Interpretations 1 and 2 give different views about the reasons for increased support for the Nazis in the years 1929-32. You may use Sources A and B to help explain your answer. (4 marks)
Study Interpretations 1 and 2. They give different views about the way Hitler came to power.

**Interpretation 1**


...between 1929 and 1933 crisis returned in full force. Germany experienced a serious depression. This caused the collapse of businesses and an increase in unemployment. The moderate parties of the Weimar Republic could not agree... More use was made of Article 48. The Reichstag was by-passed. Democracy was replaced by dictatorship. A larger part of the population showed interest in Hitler’s ideas. The result was that the Nazis became the biggest party in the Reichstag. [They] gave Hitler power, hoping he would use it as they wanted.

**Interpretation 2**


Von Papen was determined to regain power. He met Hitler and agreed that Hitler would lead a government with von Papen as the Vice-Chancellor. Intrigue took the place of open political debate. The landowners and leaders of industry were convinced that von Papen and Hitler were saving Germany from Schleicher’s military take-over. Von Papen convinced President Hindenburg that a coalition with Hitler would save Germany. Von Papen said that he could control Hitler. On 30 January, Adolf Hitler became Chancellor of Germany.

**Source D**

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**Source C**

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What is the main difference between these views? (4 marks)

Suggest one reason why Interpretations 1 and 2 give different views about how Hitler came to power. You may use Sources C and D to help explain your answer. (4 marks)

How far do you agree with Interpretations 1 about the way Hitler came to power. (20 marks)
Study Interpretations 1 and 2. They give different views about the standard of living of German workers in Nazi Germany. What is the main difference between these views? (4 marks)
Suggest one reason why Interpretations 1 and 2 give different views about the standard of living of German workers in Nazi Germany. You may use Sources A and D to help you explain your answer. (4 marks)

How far do you agree with Interpretation 1 about the standard of living of German workers in Nazi Germany? Explain your answer using Interpretation 1 and 2, the sources and your own knowledge of the historical context.
Study Interpretations 1 and 2. They give different views about the attitude of Germans towards the persecution of the Jews. What is the main difference between these views? (4 marks)

Interpretation 1
From The Third Reich in Power, by Richard J. Evans published in 2006.
The violence [during Kristallnacht] was familiar from the behaviour of the brownshirts in 1933. But this time it went much further. It was clearly more widespread and more destructive. It demonstrated the hatred of the Jews now gripped not only the stormtroopers and [Nazi] party activists but was spreading to other parts of the population – above all to the young, upon whom five years of Nazism in schools and the Hitler Youth had clearly had an effect.

Interpretation 2
This led to Kristallnacht, so called because of the thousands of Jewish shop windows which were smashed... Many Germans watched the events with alarm and concern. However, the Nazi-controlled press presented it as a reaction of ordinary Germans against Jews. Most Germans did not believe this, but hardly anyone protested for fear of arrest and death.
Suggest one reason why Interpretations 1 and 2 give different views about the attitude of Germans towards the persecution of the Jews. (4 marks)