

# Revision Questions - Germany Kaiser to Fuhrer

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## **The Second Reich under Kaiser Wilhelm II**

- To what extent was Germany an autocratic state in the period 1900-1914?
- To what extent was Germany an democratic state in the period 1900-1914?
- How far do you agree with the statement that “the elite dominated German politics in the period 1900-1914”?
- How far do you agree that, by 1914, Germany was an entrenched autocracy?

## **The German Revolution**

- 'The impact of the First World War merely heightened existing social and political tensions which had divided Germany before 1914.' How far do you agree with this judgement?
- What impact did the First World War have upon to political system of the Second Reich?

## **The Weimar Constitution**

- In what ways did the Weimar constitution create democracy in Germany?

## **The early years of Weimar**

- How far do you agree that the primary reason for the failure of the extreme left and extreme right to seize power 1919-23 was the actions of Ebert?
- In what ways did the extreme right undermine Weimar democracy 1919-23?
- How far do you agree that the main reason for the survival of Weimar government 1919-23 was the weakness of its opponents
- “The main threat to the stability of the Weimar Republic in the period 1919 to 1923 came from the political violence of the extreme right.” How far do you agree with this judgement?

- To what extent was the hyperinflation the most serious threat faced by the Weimar government in the period 1919-1923?

## **1923**

- What caused the hyperinflation crisis 1923?
- What were the impacts of the hyperinflation crisis of 1923?

## **The 'Golden Era'**

- To what extent were Stresemann's policies successful?
- How far do you agree that by 1929, Weimar Germany was strong and stable?
- To what extent do you agree that politics in Germany functioned effectively between 1924 and 1929?
- How far do you agree with the statement that, "By 1929, prospects for democracy in Germany looked favourable"?
- To what extent do you agree that, by the start of 1929, Germany was "dancing upon the edge of a volcano"?
- "Germany experienced a period of political calm, economic development and social progress in the mid 1920's." How far do you agree with this judgement?

## **The rise of the Nazis**

- How far was democracy in Germany undermined by the actions of Hindenburg, Von Papen and Von Schleicher?
- To what extent do you agree that the primary reason for the success of Nazis in creating a mass movement 1929-32 was Hitler's leadership of the movement?
- How far do you agree that the primary reason for the increase in electoral support for the Nazis between 1929 and 1933 was their effective use of propaganda?
- How far do you agree that it was only the impact of the depression that allowed the Nazis to form a mass movement between 1929 and 1932?
- How far do you agree that it was only the failure of the governments of 1929-1932 to effectively deal with the depression that allowed the Nazis to become the most popular party in Germany by 1932?
- To what extent was Hitler appointed into power only because of the actions of the political elite?

- To what extent was Hitler appointed into power because he had the backing of powerful industrialists?
- How far do you agree that it was Hitler's own actions that enabled him to be appointed into power by 1933?
- "Nazi consolidation of power in 1933 was primarily due to the use of terror and violence." How far do you agree with this judgement?

### **The War Economy**

- 'The handling of the economy was poorly coordinated and this accounts for the weakness of German war production in the years 1939-1945.' How far do you agree with this view?
- 'The chaotic nature of the Nazi government structure explains the failures in German production during the Second World War.' How far do you agree with this judgement?

### **Anti-Semitism**

- 'Systematic extermination emerged as the Final Solution to the Jewish Question as a result of the chaotic nature of the Nazi State.' How far do you agree with this opinion?
- 'The Holocaust can be explained as the result of Hitler's long term aims and intentions.' How far do you agree with this view?