

Modern History

Practice Questions

Years 11 & 12



Instructions

Individual, exam-style questions

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Part 1: Core Study: WW1 1914-1919: A Source Based Study

1. Explain how trench warfare developed on the Western Front
2. How did artillery play a part in the war on the Western Front?
3. Outline the overall plan of the trench system used by both sides in WW1
4. Discuss how gas was a breakthrough weapon on the Western Front
5. How were aircraft used in WW1?
6. What physical and psychological impacts did life in the trenches have on the soldiers in WW1?
7. What were the aims of the Somme campaign?
8. Outline the nature of submarine warfare
9. What was the effect of conscription on the growing opposition to the war?
10. Describe the role of Women on the home front
11. What is Total War?
12. Discuss the impact of the German economy on the Allied Victory
13. Discuss the impact of the entry of the U.S.A on the Allied Victory
14. Discuss the impact of the allied naval blockade on the Allied Victory
15. How was the failure of the Schlieffen plan a long-term contributing factor in German defeat?
16. How did superior allied economic resources influence the final outcome?
17. What role did Ludendorff have in Germany's final defeat?
18. What was the attitude of the French and British at the Peace Conference?
19. What provisions were imposed on Germany after the war?

Essay:

20. Account for Allied Victory in WW1

Part 2: National Studies: Germany 1918-1939

Short Answer:

1. What was the Reichstag and the Reichsrat?
2. What was the Treaty of Versailles?
3. List 5 territorial provisions of the Treaty of Versailles that applied to Germany.
4. List the Military Provisions of the Treaty of Versailles.
5. Outline the German Reaction to the Treaty of Versailles
6. What was the Kapp Putsch and what was its significance?
7. Who was General Hans Von Seeckt and what reforms did he carry out in the German Army?
8. The study of Weimar Germany can be divided into three periods. Outline these periods.
9. Which institutions in Weimar Germany opposed the Republic?
10. Why did the French occupy the Ruhr in 1923?
11. What is Hyperinflation and why did it occur?
12. What was the Treaty of Locarno?
13. What was the Young Plan (1929)?
14. What was the Dawes Plan (1924)?
15. Who was Ludendorff?
16. What was Lebenstraum?
17. Who was Joseph Goebbels?
18. Define the term 'totalitarian'
19. What global event occurred in 1927 which lifted the Nazi vote in rural areas and why?
20. List the flaws in the Weimar Constitution
21. Why did Schleicher fail as Chancellor? (1932)
22. What deals were made to appoint Hitler Chancellor in 1933?
23. Which clause of the Treaty of Versailles forced Germany to accept responsibility for WW1?



Longer Answer:

24. Discuss the cultural life of Weimar Germany in relation to trends in Art and literature
25. How did foreign loans assist Germany in the period 1924-1929?
26. Account for the political stability of Weimar in the period 1924-1929
27. Outline features of Hitler's early life until the Beer Hall Putsch (1923).
28. Outline the features and significance of the Beer Hall Putsch
29. Outline the policies of the Nazi Party
30. Explain the role that social Darwinism played in Nazi Ideology
31. Outline the impacts of the Great Depression on the various social classes in Germany

Part 3: Personalities in the Twentieth Century: Albert Speer 1905-1981

Historical Context:

1. Under which act did Hitler achieve total power for four years?
2. Which organisation was targeted during the Night of the Long Knives?
3. Which offices did Hitler combine after Hindenburg's death?
4. At which conference was the decision made to gas all the Jews of Europe?
5. Who was in charge of German propaganda?

Background:

6. Outline the events and influences of Speer attending his first Nazi Rally
7. Give two reasons as to why Speer joined the Nazi Party

Rise to Prominence:

8. Who gave Speer the job of redecorating the headquarters of a district branch of the Nazi Party?
9. Describe the design and significance of Speer's design of the Tempelhof Field Night Rally
10. What was the main feature of his designs at the Nuremberg Rally of 1933?
11. Who was initially Hitler's chief architect?
12. What facilitated a close relationship between Hitler and Speer?
13. What was the aim of the Beauty of Work program?
14. Explain Speer's 'theory of ruins'.
15. List two features of the plans for Germania
16. For which work did Speer receive a Gold Party Badge?
17. How did Dr. Fritz Todt aid in Speer's career progression?
18. Outline the changes in munitions production under Speer

Longer Questions:

19. Outline Speer's rise to prominence from his first architectural contact with the Nazi Party to his role in munitions.
20. Outline Speer's early life and childhood until his graduation in architecture.

Part 4: International Studies in Peace and Conflict: Conflict in Europe

1. Why was The Munich Conference held?
2. What were two of the aims of Mussolini's foreign policy.
3. Describe two weaknesses of the League of Nations.
4. List an achievement and a failure of the League of Nations
5. Provide one reasons as to why Britain and France did not take action against Italy over Abyssinia
6. Give two consequences of Italy's invasion of Abyssinia
7. In what ways did Germany and Italy support Franco?
8. Give two reasons as to why Britain adopted a policy of appeasement
9. Give two reasons as to why Stalin signed the Non-Agression Pact
10. Which countries were Germany and the Soviet Union guaranteed according to the Secret Protocols of the Pact?
11. What was the German tactic that was responsible for Germany military success in the early years of the war?
12. What is 'sitzkrieg'?
13. What was the aim of the Battle of Britain?
14. Give three reasons for the failure of the Battle of Britain
15. What was the aim of the Blitz?
16. Provide one consequence of the bombing of Germany
17. In what way was the invasion of Russia ideological?
18. Provide three reasons as to why the invasion of Russia failed
19. Why did Britain wish to retain control of Egypt?
20. Give two reasons as to why the North African campaign was significant
21. What was the purpose of the Home Guard?
22. List three forms of employment for women in Britain during the war
23. Which positions did Churchill hold concurrently during the war
24. Which Russian city was under siege for almost 900 days?
25. List three groups other than the Jews that were persecuted by the Nazis
26. What was PLUTO?
27. What was Hitler's final offensive named?

28. Outline the causes and results of Stalin's scorched earth policy during the German Invasion?
29. Account for the success of the British in the Battle of Britain.
30. Give one reasons as to why Lend-Lease was significant
31. Why was the failure of Barbarossa significant?
32. Give two reasons for the success of D-Day
33. List two forms of propaganda used in Britain
34. What was the 'Dig for Victory' campaign?
35. What was the Women's Land Army and what was its purpose?
36. Give one reasons as to why Soviet munitions production was highly efficient.
37. Give two positive consequences of the war for British Women.

