5.13 Nazi Party Reorganisation in the Lean Years, 1925-1928: 10-minute Pack

EDEXCEL 1HI0 · about 10 minutes

Total Marks

Name: _____ Date: ____ / ____ / _____

Answer ALL questions. You are advised to spend about 10 minutes on this pack.

1 State the typical role of a Gauleiter in the Nazi Party's regional structure.

(Total for Question 1 is 2 marks)

2 Name the Strasser brother who led the party's left-leaning faction in the mid 1920s and took part in the Bamberg dispute.

(Total for Question 2 is 1 mark)

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3 State one early aim of the SS when it was first formed in 1925.

(Total for Question 3 is 2 marks)

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4 Interpretation 1: From H. Kohler, Rebuilding the Movement, 2005. "The SS was created primarily as Hitler's personal loyal guard and a means to build an inner circle of unquestioning followers. Its early purpose was symbolic as much as practical, demonstrating a new model of disciplined loyalty within the party that was personally tied to Hitler rather than to the party apparatus generally."

Interpretation 2: From L. Becker, Organisation and Power, 2012. "The SS originated as part of a deliberate strategy to counterbalance the SA and to provide a reliable instrument of central control. While loyal to Hitler, the SS was above all an organisational response to the disorderly tendencies within the party and a tool for consolidating central authority over regional leaders."

Study Interpretations 1 and 2. They give different views about why the SS was created. What is the main difference between these views?

(Total for Question 4 is 4 marks)

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Question 1

identifies the role, e.g. senior regional party leader **B1**

supporting detail, e.g. responsible for organising party activity and enforcing central policies in a Gau **B1**

Answer: A Gauleiter was the senior regional party leader in charge of organising party activity and enforcing central policy in a Gau.

Question 2

Gregor Strasser **B1**

Answer: Gregor Strasser

Question 3

identifies an aim, e.g. to protect Hitler personally **B1**

supporting detail, e.g. to act as a loyal, controlled guard distinct from the larger SA **B1**

Answer: To act as Hitler's personal protectors, a loyal guard separate from the SA.

Question 4

Level 1 Identifies a limited or partial difference between the interpretations, with limited supporting explanation. **1-2**

Level 2 Clearly identifies and explains the main difference between the interpretations, supported by accurate reference to the texts. **3-4**

Indicative content:

- Interpretation 1 emphasises the SS as a personal, symbolic inner circle devoted to Hitler and the cultivation of unquestioning loyalty to him.
- Interpretation 2 emphasises the SS as an organisational instrument designed to control and discipline the party, especially to counter the SA and to increase central authority.
- The main difference, therefore, is whether the primary purpose was personal loyalty to Hitler and symbolic demonstration of discipline (Interpretation 1) or an administrative, control-oriented response to intra-party disorder (Interpretation 2).

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