5.14 Reasons for Limited Nazi Support, 1924-1928: 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 Give one international development, after 1924, that reduced support for extremist parties in Germany.

(Total for Question 1 is 1 mark)

2 Give one way that the Nazi Party tried to broaden its appeal in the mid 1920s.

(Total for Question 2 is 1 mark)

3 State two consequences for the Nazi Party of the public perception that Germany had regained stability by 1928.

(Total for Question 3 is 2 marks)

4 Interpretation 1: written for this paper. This view argues that the main reason for the Nazi Party's weak support in 1924-1928 was Germany's economic recovery and improved international standing. As the currency stabilised, employment and wages rose, and diplomatic agreements such as the Locarno Treaties (1925) and entry to the League of Nations (1926) restored German prestige, most voters no longer felt the sense of crisis and national grievance that extremist parties relied on, so they continued to back moderate and centrist parties instead.

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5 Interpretation 2: written for this paper. This view argues that the more important reason was the Nazi Party's own weakness in this period. Although Hitler was released from Landsberg prison in December 1924 and the party was refounded in February 1925, and although the Bamberg Conference of February 1926 gave Hitler firmer control over it, in the mid-1920s it remained a small, poorly resourced movement that had not yet built support among the middle classes or business, so its low vote share reflected its own limitations as much as the calmer national mood.

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6 State two reasons why many industrialists and business leaders did not support the Nazi Party in the 1924-28 period.

(Total for Question 6 is 2 marks)

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7 Study Interpretations 1 and 2 below. They give different views about why the Nazi Party failed to win many votes between 1924 and 1928. What is the main difference between these views?

(Total for Question 7 is 4 marks)

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Question 1

Germany joining the League of Nations (1926) **B1**

Answer: Germany joining the League of Nations in 1926

Question 2

the party emphasised propaganda and reorganised local branches to reach more voters **B1**

Answer: By emphasising propaganda and reorganising local branches to reach more voters.

Question 3

fewer voters saw the need for radical solutions, reducing the party's potential support **B1**

the party struggled to break into middle-class and business voter groups who preferred stability **B1**

Answer: Fewer voters wanted radical change, and the Nazis failed to win significant middle-class or business support.

Question 4

Question 5

Question 6

they preferred parties that supported economic stability and the status quo **B1**

the Nazis had not yet convinced business leaders that they could deliver stable government and protect property rights **B1**

Answer: Because business leaders preferred stability and were not yet convinced the Nazis could deliver stable government and protect their interests.

Question 7

Level 1 Identifies a basic difference between the interpretations with little supporting comment. **1-2**

Level 2 Explains the main difference clearly, referring to the emphasis of each interpretation and using supporting comment. **3-4**

Indicative content:

- The main difference is that Interpretation 1 attributes low Nazi support primarily to external context, especially economic recovery and better international relations, while Interpretation 2 emphasises internal weaknesses within the Nazi Party, such as its small size and limited appeal to middle-class voters.
- A good answer explains that Interpretation 1 focuses on voters being satisfied by moderation and stability, while Interpretation 2 focuses on the party failing to build the organisation and support it needed, and supports this with reference to the wording and emphasis of each interpretation.

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