5.10 The Sturmabteilung and Nazi Party Organisation, 1921-1923: 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 Name the army captain who helped organise the SA in its early years, supplying it with weapons and recruits.

(Total for Question 1 is 1 mark)

2 Name one early symbol or item, other than the brown shirt, used by SA units to create a uniform appearance.

(Total for Question 2 is 1 mark)

3 Give two social groups from which early SA recruits were often drawn.

(Total for Question 3 is 2 marks)

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4 Give one form of training or activity SA members undertook to present a paramilitary appearance.

(Total for Question 4 is 1 mark)

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5 Study Interpretations 1 and 2. They give different views about the importance of the SA to the Nazi Party's growth up to 1923. What is the main difference between these views?

Interpretation 1: From K. Bauer, The Early Stormtroopers and German Politics, 1998. Bauer argues that the SA were a central instrument of the Nazi movement right from 1921. He emphasises how the brown shirts gave the party a visible, organised presence in towns and how their capacity to intimidate opponents allowed the Party to control meeting places and public space, creating the conditions for rapid growth.

Interpretation 2: From L. Mendel, Militias of the Weimar Years, 2005. Mendel suggests the SA were one of several paramilitary groups in the early twenties and argues they played a more limited, local role before 1923. She stresses that many SA units were poorly trained and that the Party's political ideas and Hitler's speeches were the main drivers of support rather than paramilitary action.

(Total for Question 5 is 4 marks)

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Question 1

Ernst Rohm **B1**

Answer: Ernst Rohm

Question 2

a party armband or brown-coloured headgear/peaked cap **B1**

Answer: A party armband or brown-coloured cap.

Question 3

ex-soldiers **B1**

Freikorps members **B1**

Answer: Ex-soldiers and Freikorps members.

Question 4

drilling/parading in formation **B1**

Answer: Drilling and parading in formation.

Question 5

Level 1 Identifies a basic difference between the interpretations, with limited support from the texts. **1-2**

Level 2 Clearly identifies the main difference and supports this with direct reference to the ways each interpretation explains the SA's importance. **3-4**

Indicative content:

- Interpretation 1 stresses the SA as central and decisive in giving the Nazi Party a public, intimidating presence that enabled growth, while Interpretation 2 downplays the SA's importance, seeing them as one of several paramilitary groups and arguing that political propaganda and Hitler's leadership were the main drivers of support.
- A clear answer will quote or paraphrase the contrasting emphases: central instrument and control of public space in Interpretation 1, versus limited, local and poorly trained units with ideas and speeches as the key factor in Interpretation 2.

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