

Was The Weimar Republic Doomed From The Start? Exam

DO NOT WRITE ON THE EXAM. Answer all questions on a separate lined sheet of paper.

Choose **TWO (2)** of the following questions and answer parts **(a), (b), and (c)** for each question you choose. **40 Points Total**

1. Answer the questions which follow.
 - (a) Describe the Kapp Putsch. [5]
 - (b) Why were there many uprisings and disturbances in Germany in the years 1919–22? [7]
 - (c) 'Developments in art and culture were the main achievements of the Weimar period.' How far do you agree with this statement? Explain your answer. [8]

2. Read the extract, and then answer the questions which follow.

Germany is dancing on a volcano. If the short-term loans are called in by the USA, a large section of our economy would collapse.
-Gustav Stresemann speaking in 1928.

 - (a) Describe the situation in Germany between September 1918 and the signing of the Armistice in November 1918. [5]
 - (b) Why did Germany find it difficult to recover economically in the years up to 1923? [7]
 - (c) How far did the Weimar Republic recover under Stresemann? Explain your answer. [8]

3. Read the extract, and then answer the questions which follow.

The Stresemann government left a solid record of achievement. A new and stable currency was introduced and the democratic government survived. The foundations were laid for the relative stability of the Republic.
-From a book about Stresemann, published in 2009.

 - (a) Describe how Stresemann ended hyperinflation. [5]
 - (b) Why did Germany suffer from hyperinflation? [7]
 - (c) 'The Weimar Republic was a disaster for the people of Germany.' How far do you agree with this statement? Explain your answer. [8]

4. Answer the questions which follow.
 - (a) Describe the political situation in Germany at the end of the First World War. [5]
 - (b) Why did the French invade the Ruhr in 1923? [7]
 - (c) 'The Weimar Republic successfully dealt with Germany's problems between 1922 and 1929.' How far do you agree with this statement? Explain your answer. [8]

5. The Weimar governments faced many problems.
 - (a) What were the disadvantages of proportional representation for Weimar Germany? [4]
 - (b) Why were the Spartacists a threat to the German Republic? [6]
 - (c) To what extent were Weimar governments successful between 1923 and 1929? Explain your answer. [10]