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**Thursday 9 June 2022 – Morning**

**GCSE (9–1) History A (Explaining the Modern World)**

**J410/02** Germany 1925–1955: The People and the State

**Time allowed: 1 hour**



**You must have:**

- the OCR 12-page Answer Booklet

**INSTRUCTIONS**

- Use black ink.
- Write your answer to each question in the Answer Booklet. The question numbers must be clearly shown.
- Fill in the boxes on the front of the Answer Booklet.
- Answer **all** the questions.

**INFORMATION**

- The total mark for this paper is **50**.
- The marks for each question are shown in brackets [ ].
- Quality of extended response will be assessed in questions marked with an asterisk (\*).
- This document has **4** pages.

**ADVICE**

- Read each question carefully before you start your answer.

**Germany 1925–1955: The People and the State**

Answer **all** the questions.

- 1 Describe **one** way in which Hitler removed opposition in the years 1933–34. [2]
- 2 Explain how life was different in East Germany compared to West Germany between 1945 and 1955. [10]
- 3 Explain why the Nazis failed to gain widespread public support between 1925 and 1929. [10]
- 4 (a) Study **Source A**.  
Explain how this source is useful to a historian studying Germany during the Second World War. [5]
- (b) Study **Source B**.  
Explain why this source was published in Germany at this time. [5]

**Source A**

We spoke this morning about the unbelievable human ability to endure and survive. The horror of our existence: the fear of every knock at the door, abuse, shame, hunger, restrictions, daily approaching dangers, every day new victims all around, absolute helplessness. And yet we still have easier hours, reading, working and eating. Then, once again, one hopes.

**An extract from the diary of Victor Klemperer, from May 1942. He was Jewish and his wife was Aryan. He had been Professor of Literature at Dresden University until the mid-1930s.**

**Source B**

Let us all pull ourselves together and think about how we can do more. Let us reject everything unnecessary to the war effort, and talk less of war and just wage war. Let us be polite and agreeable to each other, following the example of our soldiers by showing a good attitude in all situations. Let us accept the difficulties of each day with calmness and good humour, and let nothing upset us.

**An extract from an article written by Joseph Goebbels. The article was published in a national newspaper in March 1942.**

- 5\* 'The Nazis were successful in their aim of creating a National Community in Germany between 1933 and 1939.'  
How far do you agree? [18]

**END OF QUESTION PAPER**

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