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# AS HISTORY

Democracy and Nazism: Germany, 1918–1945

Component 20 The Weimar Republic, 1918–1933

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Monday 19 May 2025 Afternoon Time allowed: 1 hour 30 minutes

## Materials

For this paper you must have:

- an AQA 16-page answer book.

## Instructions

- Use black ink or black ball-point pen.
- Write the information required on the front of your answer book. The **Paper Reference** is 7041/20.
- Answer **two** questions.  
In **Section A** answer Question 01.  
In **Section B** answer **either** Question 02 **or** Question 03.

## Information

- The marks for questions are shown in brackets.
- The maximum mark for this paper is 50.
- You will be marked on your ability to:
  - use good English
  - organise information clearly
  - use specialist vocabulary where appropriate.

## Advice

- You are advised to spend about:
  - 50 minutes on Section A
  - 40 minutes on Section B.

## Section A

Answer Question 01.

### Source A

From an article in a British newspaper, by a British journalist based in Berlin, 31 January 1933.

Hitler's long-cherished ambition to become Chancellor has at last been satisfied. President Hindenburg appointed him Chancellor of the Reich today. This may be a turning-point in the history of post-war Germany, and is another victory for conservative forces.

The Hitler Government is a coalition of Nazis and Nationalists. Despite the Nationalists being more numerous in the Cabinet, three of the most strategic posts are held by Nazis.

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It is by no means certain that the Nazis will be the prisoners in this new Government. The news of Hitler's appointment created a feeling of alarm and confusion almost everywhere. To the average German it marks a step into the unknown. Even many conservatives have been shaking their heads.

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### Source B

From the memoirs of Rudolf Diels, published 1949. Diels was Head of the Political Police in Berlin, and here recalls the night of the Reichstag Fire, 27 February 1933.

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**Source B is Diels describing the scale of orders he was given on the night of the Reichstag fire.**

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With reference to these sources and your understanding of the historical context, which of these two sources is more valuable in explaining the Nazi rise to power by March 1933?

**[25 marks]**

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**Section B**

Answer **either** Question 02 **or** Question 03.

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**Either**

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'The invasion of the Ruhr by France and Belgium was the most significant challenge faced by the Weimar Republic in the years 1921 to 1924.'

Explain why you agree or disagree with this view.

**[25 marks]**

**or**

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'In the years 1924 to 1928, the German economy fully recovered.'

Explain why you agree or disagree with this view.

**[25 marks]**

**END OF QUESTIONS**

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