Summer Examinations 2016

HIS100816N

Module Title: The Holocaust: Sources and Contexts
Level: Four
Time Allowed: One hour and thirty minutes

Instructions to students:
• Enter your student number not your name on all answer books.
• Answer one question from Section A and comment on one question from Section B.
• Section A carries 67% of the overall marks.
• Section B carries 33% of the overall marks.
• Begin each question in a separate answer book; label each answer book clearly with the number of the question you are answering.
• Neither books nor notes may be taken into the examination.
• The same material should not constitute a substantial part of more than one question.

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Section A
Answer one of the following questions.

1. How important was the invasion of the Soviet Union on 22 June 1941 in creating new situations for Nazi genocide to occur?

2. How do the limits of the evidence left behind by both the victims, and the perpetrators of the Holocaust, affect historians’ underestimating of Nazi genocide?

3. How have historians’ approaches to studying the Holocaust developed over the period from the 1960s to present day?

End of Section A
Section B follows overleaf
Section B

Comment on one of the following questions:

4. Regulation for the Elimination of the Jews from the Economic Life of Germany, November 12, 1938

On the basis of the regulation for the implementation of the Four-Year Plan of October 18, 1936 ... the following is decreed:

§1

1) From January 1, 1939, Jews are forbidden to operate retail stores, mail-order houses, or sales agencies, or to carry on a trade ... independently.

2) They are further forbidden, from the same day on, to offer for sale goods or services, to advertise these, or to accept orders at markets of all sorts, fairs or exhibitions.

3) Jewish trade enterprises ... which violate this decree will be closed by police.

§2

1) From January 1, 1939, a Jew can no longer be the head of an enterprise within the meaning of the Law of January 20, 1934, for the Regulation of National Work

2) Where a Jew is employed in an executive position in a commercial enterprise he may be given notice to leave in six weeks...

Plenipotentiary for the Four-Year Plan
Goering
Field Marshal General
5. Order by Heinrich Himmler, on July 19, 1942, for the completion of the ‘Final Solution’ in the Generalgovernment territory

I herewith order that the resettlement of the entire Jewish population of the Generalgovernment be carried out and completed by December 31, 1942. From December 31, 1942, no persons of Jewish origin may remain within the Generalgovernment, unless they are in collection camps in Warsaw, Cracow, Czestochowa, Radom, and Lublin. All other work on which Jewish labour is employed must be finished by that date, or, in the event that this is not possible, it must be transferred to one of the collection camps.

These measures are required with a view to the necessary ethnic division of races and peoples for the New Order in Europe, and also in the interests of the security and cleanliness of the German Reich and its sphere of interest. Every breach of this regulation spells a danger to quiet and order in the entire German sphere of interest, a point of application for the resistance movement and a source of moral and physical pestilence.

For all these reasons a total cleansing is necessary and therefore to be carried out.