Examination Period 3: 2017/18

HIS100818N

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 two questions: one from Section A and one 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 question from this section.

1. How important is it to understand the fascist ideology of the Nazi regime when studying the Holocaust?

2. ‘Survivor accounts are more important than other types of primary sources for studying the Holocaust.’ How far do you agree with this statement?

3. Are debates on the planning of the Holocaust more fruitful than other areas of debate among historians of the Holocaust?
Section B

Comment on the content and the context of one of the following:


   Despite considerable difficulties, an average of 80 to 100 Jews have been captured per week, as had been done before. The difficulties stem particularly from the fact that 80% of all Jews possess false identity cards. In addition, they find wide support from many Belgian Aryans, who often provide them with apartments, food and other assistance. Lately it has been observed that Jews camouflage themselves by wearing workers’ clothing, such as blue locksmith overalls. As expected, the English-American landing has caused the Jews great joy. They believe in an English-American victory. In almost all of the apartments where Jews had been living illegally, wall-maps were found, on which the progress of the front was marked, always in accordance to the reports issued by the enemy. From this we can conclude that the Jews still have an excellent news service at their disposal, as they did before.

5. **Note arranging a meeting in Berlin to prepare a schedule for trains to transport Jewish people from Romania**

   The General Administration of the Romanian Rail Authority, Traffic Department

   Prime Ministers Office B.C.[Bucharest] 23.9.1942

   To: Mr. Radu Lecca 86/212 Col. SIC

   The Government Commissar for Jewish Affairs

   We are honored to inform you that the German Rail Administration East Berlin has scheduled a meeting to take place in Berlin on September 26-28, 1942, to prepare a schedule of special trains for the transport of Jews from Romania to the General Government.

   To enable our representatives at the meeting to make decisions on this matter, we respectfully request that you inform us regarding your plans on the subject.

   Director General

   Director of the Traffic [Department]