

Possible Exam Questions: Post War Germany

1945-1963

10 mark Questions

1. Who most successfully completed the process of de-Nazification after WW2?

- i. The Soviets
- ii. The Western Allies

Explain your answer with reference to both (i) and (ii).

You could also replace this with de-centralisation or re-introducing democracy

2. Which of the following was of greater significance in permanently dividing East Germany from West Germany.

- i. The introduction of the New Deutsche Mark
- ii. The Berlin Blockade

Explain your answer with reference to both (i) and (ii).

You could also swap some of these out with the Marshall Plan/ the Truman Doctrine/ the actions of Stalin/ the actions of Truman/ disagreements over the zones' administration/ Soviet aggression and ideology/ Truman's dollar diplomacy/ the role of German politicians.

3. Which of the following was more important for economic stability in post-war Germany?

- i. The Marshall Plan
- ii. The Creation of the Deutsche Mark

Explain your answer with reference to both (i) and (ii).

4. Which of the following was more important for political stability in West Germany?

- i. Adenauer's Chancellorship
- ii. The Constitution

Explain your answer with reference to both (i) and (ii).

5. Which of the following was the most significant reason for the economic miracle?

- i. The 'social market economy'
- ii. Marshall Aid

Explain your answer with reference to both (i) and (ii).

You could also swap in Adenauer's reintegration with the west/ the resources in the FRG/ peaceful industrial relations/ the Korean War/ the creation of the ECSC/ relations between FRG and the rest of the world/ the abandonment of the East.

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6. Which of the following was the most significant reason for the Federal Republic of Germany's successful integration with the West?

- i. Adenauer's foreign policy
- ii. The West's fear of Communism

Explain your answer with reference to both (i) and (ii).

7. Which of the following was the most significant reason for Adenauer's fall from power?

- i. Adenauer's response to the Berlin Wall
- ii. Der Spiegel affair

Explain your answer with reference to both (i) and (ii).

8. Which of the following was the most significant reason for the high level of refugees fleeing from East Germany to West Germany?

- i. Living conditions
- ii. The police state

Explain your answer with reference to both (i) and (ii).

9. Which of the following was more responsible for the GDR's economic failures?

- i. Ideological inflexibility
- ii. The 'brain drain'.

Explain your answer with reference to both (i) and (ii).