

Exam Technique Cheat Sheet

The Development of Germany: 1919-1991

Exam technique is incredibly important. Knowing exactly what is asked of you for **each question** will allow you to **pick up easy marks!**

Question 1: Describe..... (5 marks)

- Describe 2 – 3 features of the questions.
- Use key words in your answers.

Question 2: How far... (6 marks)

- Either start or end your answer with a judgement about how far. HINT: There will always be both 'sides' to the answer so use a phrase such as 'to a large extent'; 'to some degree'.
- 1 paragraph on how things did change/improve etc.
- 1 paragraph on any limitations to change (things that did not change)

Question 3: Arrange the events/factors/impacts in order of significance (9 marks)

- 3 paragraphs (one for each event/factor/impact)
- Use key words and connectives to explain the significance.
- Explain why the first factor is more significant than the others.

Question 4: Explain why..... (8 marks)

- Explain 2 – 3 reasons – it's important you fully explain the reason (1 paragraph for each).
- Use key words and causal connectives.
- Link your answer back to the question (use the words of the question)

Question 5: How important was.... (12 marks)

- You need to spend about 60 – 70% of the answer explaining the factor (reason) mentioned in the question. Use causal connectives and key words to explain this in detail.
- The remaining 30 – 40% of your answer needs to be about other factors – aim to include at least 2 others.

Causal connectives you could use to help your explanations (For questions 2 – 5)

Therefore

Because

This means that

As a result

Consequently

So