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HISTORY**

**Democracy and Nazism: Germany, 1918–1945**

**Component 20 The Weimar Republic, 1918–1933**

**7041/20**

**Time allowed: 1 hour 30 minutes**

**For this paper you must have:**

- **an AQA 16-page answer book.**

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## **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.**

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**SECTION A****Answer Question 01.****SOURCE A**

**From a private letter sent to his sister, by General von Seeckt, April 1926.**

**The situation has deteriorated considerably since last year. In foreign affairs, I consider the Locarno-Geneva policy wrong because it restricts us and brings no advantage. We are still too weak to give any direction and are thus always led by others, never leading, ourselves. At best, we are an obedient ally who can be dropped or replaced at any time. We could have waited and become internally stronger first; above all, we could have kept an entirely free hand towards the east. This we no longer have. Our representatives are, after all, little men like Chancellor Luther and ambitious busy bodies who must have their finger in every pie like Stresemann, the man of general distrust.**

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**SOURCE B**

**From a speech to the League of Nations, by Gustav Stresemann, 10 September 1926.**

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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 conduct of German foreign affairs under Stresemann?**

**[25 marks]**

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**SECTION B**

**Answer EITHER Question 02 OR Question 03.**

**EITHER**

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**‘German resentment of the Treaty of Versailles was based on unrealistic German expectations.’**

**Explain why you agree or disagree with this view.  
[25 marks]**

**OR**

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**‘In the years 1930 to 1932, Communism had little impact on the Weimar Republic.’**

**Explain why you agree or disagree with this view.  
[25 marks]**

**END OF QUESTIONS**

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