

MODERN AND MEDIEVAL LANGUAGES TRIPOS Part IB

Paper Ge.2(E)

GERMAN HISTORY AND THOUGHT SINCE 1750

Michaelmas Term 2014

Write an essay of not fewer than 3,500 words and not more than 4,000 words on ONE of the following questions. You may choose to answer any question.

Your essay must be typewritten and must indicate the full wording of the question at the head of your submission, along with your candidate number. The word count shall include footnotes, but shall exclude bibliographies and preliminary material (i.e. the question and your candidate number).

You may not draw substantially on the same material in more than one Long Essay for the same paper.

TWO hard copies and ONE electronic copy must be submitted to the MML Faculty Office by no later than 12.00 pm on Friday 16th January 2015.

History:

1. 'The key to German history in the first half of the twentieth century is the experience of World War I.' Discuss.
2. 'The determination not to repeat the mistakes of the past has defined German politics and society since 1945.' Discuss with reference EITHER to the FRG OR the GDR OR both.

Thought:

3. 'German thought in the eighteenth century was theoretically bold, but politically conservative.' Discuss with reference to ONE OR MORE of the following:
 - (a) Kant;
 - (b) Lessing;
 - (c) Novalis.
4. 'German thought in the nineteenth century was defined by the idea of freedom.' Discuss with reference to EITHER Hegel OR Marx OR both.