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### Section A: Source-Based Case Study

Question 1 is compulsory for all candidates.

Study the Background Information and the sources carefully, and then answer **all** the questions.

You may use any of the sources to help you answer the questions, in addition to those sources you are told to use. In answering the questions you should use your knowledge of the topic to help you interpret and evaluate the sources.

**1 (a)** Study Source A.

What can you infer from source A? Explain your answer. [4]

**(b)** Study Sources B.

Why was this cartoon published? Use the source and your knowledge to support your answer. [6]

**(c)** Study Sources C and D.

Does Source D prove that Source C is wrong? Explain your answer. [6]

**(d)** Study Source E.

How useful is this source as evidence about Germans' attitude towards Hitler Youth? Explain your answer. [6]

**(e)** Study all the sources.

'The Hitler Youth benefitted the Germans in Germany.' How far do these sources support this view? Use the sources and your knowledge to explain your answer. [8]

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## The Hitler Youth

### BACKGROUND INFORMATION

Read this carefully. It may help you to answer some of the questions.

Under the Nazi regime, Adolf Hitler needed to have tight control over all aspects of the German community. The Hitler Youth was an organisation set up by Hitler in 1926. In 1931, Adolf Hitler appointed Baldur von Schirach, a member of the Nazi Party, as the leader of the Hitler Youth. Hitler viewed the youths as essential to the future and well-being of Nazi Germany. Therefore, great care was taken to ensure that the German youths grew up to serve the Nazi regime. Both German boys and girls were put through a Nazi brand of education. Though many Nazi youths fell for the party's propaganda, some were indifferent while others decided to deliberately go against Hitler's Nazi ideals.

So, did the Germans truly benefit from Hitler Youth?

**Source A:** *Hitler Youth's oath of loyalty to Hitler that was adapted from the Lord's Prayer, an important prayer for followers of Christianity.*

Adolf Hitler, you are our great Fuhrer  
Your name makes the enemy tremble  
Your will alone is law upon the earth  
Let us hear daily your voice; order us by your leadership  
For we will obey to the end and even with our lives  
We praise you! Hail Hitler!  
Fuhrer, my Fuhrer, given to me by God  
Protect and preserve my life for long  
You saved Germany in time of need  
I thank you for my daily bread\*  
Be with me for a long time; do not leave me, Fuhrer  
My Fuhrer, my faith, my light, Hail to my Fuhrer!



Source B: A cartoon published in a British newspaper, 20 October 1938.



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**Source C:** *A German woman in 1966 describes her observations of her brother who was a member of the Hitler Youth.*

My brother was given a very special assignment. He was to carry the flag of his troop to the party's national rally at Nuremberg. He was overjoyed. But when he returned, we hardly dared trust our eyes. He looked tired, and on his face, lay a great disappointment. We did not expect an explanation, but gradually we learned that the youth movement which had been held up to him as an ideal image was, in reality, something totally different from what he had imagined the Hitler Youth to be. Their drill and uniformity had been extended into every sphere of personal life. In Nuremberg, everything had to be done according to the same mould. There had been talk, day and night, about loyalty. But what was the keystone of all loyalty if not to be true to oneself?

**Source D:** *An extract from the memoirs of Marianne McKinnon, a member of the League of German Girls, the girls' wing of the Hitler Youth.*

I was not thinking of the Fuhrer when I gave the Nazi salute, but of games, sports, hiking, singing, camping and other exciting activities. Many young people like me had a thirst for action and found it in the Hitler Youth. Almost everything took the form of competition. Not only were there contests for the best performance in sport and at work, but each unit wanted to have the best-kept home or the most interesting travel album.

**Source E:** *An ex-Hitler Youth member on why he joined the anti-Nazi group, the Edelweiss Pirates.*

The long marches, bayonet drills, practices and exercises that were constantly drilled into us eventually drove us away from the Hitler Youth. I hated that every order I was given contained a threat. We also kept doing the same routines, we must also always sing praises of Hitler. I remained unhappy until I joined the Edelweiss Pirates. We would go in gangs, sometimes into the countryside - to socialise, sing, hike and attack passing Hitler Youth patrols as well as create anti-Hitler graffiti.