



Class 9 A, B, C.
Marks. 15

History assignment

1. Pastor Niemoeller, a resistance fighter, observed an uncanny silence in the face of brutal and organized crimes committed against people in the Nazi Empire. He wrote movingly about his silence.

'First they came for the Communists,
Well, I was not a Communist-
So I said nothing.
Then they came for the Social Democrats.
Well, I was not a Social Democrat-
So I did nothing.
Then they came for the trade unionists,
But I was not a trade unionist.
And then they came for the Jews,
But I was not a Jew- so I did little.
Then when they came for me,
There was no one left who could stand up for me.'

What do these lines reflect about the nazi ideology?

(5)

2. Nazism was almost synonymous with racism. Even today, so many years after Hitler, the world has not been able to rid itself of the curse called racism. Do you agree or disagree? Give reasons and quote examples in support of your answer. (5)

3.

HERR HITLER
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Dear friend,

Friends have been urging me to write to you for the sake of humanity. But I have resisted their request, because of the feeling that any letter from me would be impertinence. Something tells me that I must not calculate and I must make my appeal for whatever it maybe worth.

It is quite clear that you are today the one person in the world who can prevent a war, which may reduce humanity to the savage state.

Must you pay that price for an object however worthy it may appear to you to be? Will you listen to the appeal of one who has deliberately shunned the method of war not without considerable success?

Anyway I anticipate your forgiveness if I have erred in writing to you.

I remain,

