Grade 9 Answer
12 Mark Essay Question

12 Marks

Explain why the Nazi Party introduced new policies towards women in the years 1933-39.
You may use the following in your answer:
- Family
- Employment

You must also use information of your own.   (12 marks)

Answer:

Firstly, the Nazi Party introduced new policies towards women in the years 1933 to 1939 in order to encourage women to have a large family. Hitler wanted a high birth rate amongst the Aryan population in order to expand Germany, so the Nazis encouraged Aryan women to have multiple children. They did this through giving women that had children financial incentives, and also awarded the Mother's Cross to women who had many children. Therefore, the Nazi Party introduced new policies towards women because they wanted women to have more children in order to increase the Aryan population, as their goal was to expand Germany.

Secondly, the Nazi Party introduced new policies towards women in the years 1933 to 1939 in order to reduce the number of women in employment. The Nazi Party wanted all jobs to go to non-Jewish men, so strongly discouraged women from working, and encouraged them to become stay at home mothers. The Nazi Party did this by introducing the Law for the Reduction of Unemployment, which gave women financial incentives to stay at home, and they did not conscript women until 1943. Women were also not included in the Nazi's unemployment figures, so they were able to claim full employment by 1939. Therefore, the Nazi Party introduced new policies towards women because they wanted to discourage women from employment, as this freed up jobs for men, and reinforced their sexist views.

Finally, the Nazi Party introduced new policies towards women in the years 1933 to 1939 in order to reinforce traditional appearances. In the Weimar years, women experimented with their appearances and began wearing shorter dresses and more makeup. However, the Nazi Party encouraged traditional German fashions in order to enforce the Aryan race and traditional role of women. Makeup, dyed hair or wearing trousers was frowned upon. This further enforced the control that the Nazi Party had over women, and kept the traditional German appearances in force. Therefore, the Nazi Party introduced new policies towards women in order to reinforce traditional roles and reduce individuality within Germany.

Feedback:

This answer would get 12/12 marks because the pupil has identified 3 reasons why the Nazis introduced policies for women (family, employment and traditional appearance). They have explained each point in depth using historical information, and directly linked to the question throughout.