GERMANY SINCE CA. 1450

Please answer ONE (1) question from Part I and ONE (1) question from Part II. You are allowed a total of four hours to complete this exam (two hours per question.) You are on your honor not to consult any materials, including notes or papers or anything stored in your computer. You are also on your honor not to discuss the exam or its content with any faculty or student until the exam period is over.

PART I (answer one question):

1. Examine the importance of court society for political life in Early Modern Germany
2. What were the political consequences of the German Reformation?
3. Discuss the social, political, and cultural ramifications of military organization in Early Modern Germany.
4. What were the central features of religious development in Germany from the eve of the Reformation to the late Enlightenment?
5. Discuss the importance of the Thirty Years War.
6. Who was behind the Enlightenment in Germany?

PART II (answer one question):

7. Examine the forces of nationalism in Germany from Napoleon to 1848.
8. Discuss Bismarck's aims in launching the Kulturkampf and assess the political results of his campaign.
9. Discuss Germany's territorial aims at the outset of the Great War and in the course of it. Do you see elements of continuity between these aims and those of German foreign policy in later years, during the Weimar Republic and the Third Reich?
10. How would you identify the structural weaknesses of the Weimar Republic? Was the political collapse of the Republic unavoidable?

11. Who were the voters for the NSDAP from September 1930 to Hitler's accession to power? Analyze the social and political significance of the pro-Nazi voting patterns.

12. Discuss the problems of integrating East Germany after 1989.