

The Tony Blair decade

Assignments (refer to Mock exam text 19)

Read the text carefully and answer the following questions using your own words. Do not quote the text!

Leistungsfach- und Grundfachanforderungen:

1. Describe the situation of the Labour Party at the end of Tony Blair's ministership. (Anforderungsstufe I/4)
2. Explain how Blair misjudged the decision of taking part in the Iraq War. What were his real motives? (Anforderungsstufe I/4)
3. Analyse Gerard DeGroot's statement of the Iraq War being "a tragedy of Shakespearean proportions". (Anforderungsstufe II/6)
4. Justify the way Tony Blair has changed the Labour Party in the last ten years and say what this means for the political adversary? (Anforderungsstufe II/6)

Nur Grundfachanforderungen:

5. Interpret what the author means by "principle" and analyse its importance for the Labour Party in the future. (Anforderungsstufe II/10)
6. Tony Blair has been Britain's Prime Minister for the last ten years. Comment on the British parliamentary system putting an emphasis on the Prime Minister's tasks and power. Give your personal opinion about the system. (Anforderungsstufe III/10)

Nur Leistungsfachanforderungen:

5. Interpret the author's statement "may the best cynic win" in the context of the Labour Party's situation and its role in British politics today. (Anforderungsstufe II/10)
6. Comment on the statement "historians will argue whether Blair was an architect of destiny or a floater on the tide of circumstance."
What does Gerard DeGroot mean by saying that? Give your personal opinion about Tony Blair's role in the Iraq War and the war's consequences for Britain. Underline your arguments by naming corresponding political facts. Write at least 150 words. (Anforderungsstufe III/10)