Explain why the Nazis were the most successful party in the Reichstag elections by 1932? 6 marks

The Nazis were the most successful party in 1932 as they had a lot of strengths, these strengths were amplified by their opponents weakness for example the Nazi party's was the only peoples party in Germany where as the other parties were only classed based or sectional. This meant that the Nazis party could appeal to a wider section of people then the other parties could, meaning that they could gain more support. Hitler targeted the groups that weren't benefiting such as the middle classes. The Nazi party also had support from big businesses. The Nazis party increased support by holding a number of propaganda campaigns such as the Anti-Young Campaign. Hitler was also a very powerful speaker. In his speeches he came across as a strong and powerful leader, this is what the German people wanted. In Hitler's powerful speeches he heavily criticised the Weimar Republics and told people that it could do better. As Germany was a system of political representation this meant that no political group could provide strong rule, which is what the German people wanted. The Nazi Party offered the German people a strong and militaristic Germany, many Germans were in support of the Nazis and their authoritarian approach.

There were so many problems in Germany at the time that it was easy for the Nazis to gain support, as they promised to eradicate Germanys problems. Hitler increased support by promising things that lots of people wanted. Hitler came across as a strong leader people thought that they could get him out of the Depression, he also showed that he would not let the communists take over and often used violent treatment against his opponents such as the communist, showing people that he would not let the communist takeover. The Nazis and the SA showed that they would stand up to the red threat. Hitler said one of his aims was to destroy the treaty of Versailles. Many Germans hated the treaty of Versailles. The Nazis stood for what a lot of people wanted. In 1929 when the Depression hit, Germany was in a crisis Hitler appeared strong and told the German people that he could get them out of the depression. During the depression the Weimar Republic raised taxes angering the German population even more.