Example Question:

Why was the German Army successful during the first half of World War Two?

- Advanced Weaponry
- Tactics
- Failings of their enemies.

The main reason that the German Army was successful during the first half of World War Two was because of their advanced weaponry. For instance, the German army had excellent machine guns, including the rapid-firing MG42 and well equipped and heavily armoured tanks, such as the Panther and the Tiger. The MG42 could fire 1200 bullets a minute, making it a lethal weapon against infantry and it was also light, meaning that it could transported easily. This was demonstrated on D-Day in July 1944, when the MG42 was used effectively against attacking American troops at Omaha Beach in the Normandy invasion landings. The heavy armour and powerful long-range gun gave the Tiger tank an advantage against all opposing tanks attempting to engage it from head
on. This was especially true on the Western Front, where until the end of World War Two, neither the British nor US forces had brought heavy tanks into service. This helped to make the German Army successful as they had a significant advantage in tank battles and could rely on their equipment to be superior to that of their enemy. Therefore, the German Army had very accomplished weapons and this helped them to succeed in many battles, especially at the start of the War, when they invaded Poland and France. This is more important than Tactics because the weapons that the Germans used caused many Allied casualties, and actually compensated for tactical blunders of the German Army on many occasions. Therefore, good weapons is the most significant factor in German success.

The second most important factor in helping the German Army be successful was the failings of their enemies, because ...