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If you were a judge, how would you assess the “responsibility” of these people for what happened in the world between 1933 and 1945? Indicate one of the following:

1 — Not responsible
2 — Minimally responsible
3 — Responsible
4 — Very responsible

——— 1. One of Hitler’s direct subordinates, such as Heinrich Himmler or Joseph Goebbels
——— 2. A German who voluntarily joined Hitler’s special elite, the SS
——— 3. A German industrialist who financially supported Hitler’s rise to power and continued to support him verbally
——— 4. A judge who carried out Hitler’s decrees for sterilization of the “mentally incompetent” and internment of “traitors”
——— 5. A doctor who participated in sterilization of Jews
——— 6. A worker in a plant making Zyklon B gas
——— 7. The Pope, who made no public statement against Nazi policy
——— 8. An industrialist who made enormous profits by producing Zyklon B gas
——— 9. A manufacturer who used concentration camp inmates as slave labor in his plants
——— 10. An American industrialist who helped arm Hitler in the 1930s
——— 11. A person who voluntarily joined the Nazis in the 1930s
——— 12. A person who agreed to publicly take the Civil Servant Loyalty Oath (swearing eternal allegiance to Adolf Hitler in 1934)
——— 13. A person who complied with the law excluding Jews from economic and social life
——— 14. A person who regularly, enthusiastically attended Hitler rallies
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15. A person who always respectfully gave the “Heil Hitler” salute
16. A person who served as a concentration camp guard
17. A person who turned the lever to allow the gas into the chambers
18. A driver of the trains that went to the concentration camps
19. A diplomat for the Nazi government
20. The American government, which limited emigration of Jews to the United States in the 1930s
21. The “little guy” who claimed “he doesn’t get involved in politics” and thus went about his business as quietly as he could in the Hitler regime
22. The soldier who carried out orders to roust Jews from their homes for “evacuation and resettlement”
23. The German couple who took up residence in a home evacuated by Jews
24. The non-Jews who took over a store just abandoned by Jews
25. The German who refused all pleas to participate in hiding and smuggling of Jews
26. The policeman who helped round up escaping Jews
27. A teacher who taught Nazi propaganda
28. Children who joined the Hitler Youth
29. Parents who sent or allowed their children to attend Hitler Youth meetings
30. The Protestant clergyman who gave to the Nazis lists of members of his congregation who were “non-Aryan”