3b) Study Interpretation 1 and 2. They give different views on the reasons for growth in support for the Nazi Party in the years 1929-32. (4)

What is the main difference between the views?

Explain your answer using details from both interpretations

The main difference between the interpretations is that Interpretation 1 states that the key reason for the growth in support for the Nazis was Hitler's actions and personality, whereas Interpretation 2 states that it was due to the depression in Germany as result of the Wall Street Crash.

This is shown where it says in Interpretation 1 that Hitler was a "powerful speaker" who was "impressing listeners" through the content of his speeches and his use of timing and expression. It says he was able to give the people "hope" and targeted the "specific grievances" of Germans through the use of propaganda.

On the other hand, Interpretation 2 says that it was not inevitable that Hitler would become Chancellor. It says that before the Depression the Nazis were still a small party "with little support", despite Hitler being their leader. It emphasises unemployment caused by the Depression as a key reason, stating that this "brought increased support" for the Nazis. Interpretation 2 explicitly claims that this "played a much larger role" than Hitler's actions in helping to increase Nazi support.