



ANSWERS

1. It was being continuously strengthened with reserves relocated from elsewhere; It was joined by the freshly raised forces of the Volksturm ("home guard"); It was joined by German troops who had managed to withdraw from France
2. It was hilly and wooded, and generally considered to be difficult country. It also offered the advantage of thick woods to conceal Germany's growing forces, and the hills provided a drier surface for their tanks.
3. The hills were broken up by deep valleys through which tanks were unable to advance
4. to reach Antwerp, Belgium, by an indirect move, to cut off the British army group from American forces as well as from its supplies, and then to defeat the isolated British troops