

## 2006 HIGHER SCHOOL CERTIFICATE EXAMINATION

## Modern History

## Section I (continued)

## Question 2 (10 marks)

Explain why US entry into World War I proved to be the most significant of the war's turning points.

Use Sources A and B and your own knowledge to answer this question.

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The US entry into the war provided a morale  
~~boost~~ boost for Britain and  
France. ~~Germany's~~ Germany's army  
was so strong and well supplied that  
it almost forced Britain to surrender.  
In Source B, a speech from British  
Prime Minister Lloyd George, we are  
told Germany's strength and  
Britain's almost being forced to retire.  
This source is significant in showing  
this and the impact it had on Britain.  
Germany's army was massive unlike  
Britain's and allowed fresh troops,  
in America joining the war this  
allowed fresh troops to be supplied  
as well and new naval ships.  
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## Question 3 (10 marks)

Assess how useful Sources C and D would be for an historian studying the impact of total war on the home fronts during World War I.

In your answer, consider the perspectives provided by the TWO sources and the reliability of each one.

During the war both Germany and Britain's homefront suffered ~~at~~ immensely although both countries had different strategies to prevent this. Source C an extract from former American ambassador James Grenard's 'My Four years in Germany'; London 1917, provides the impact of the war on Germany's social life, there was no entertainment, food was scarce, and women ~~were~~ were employed to do man's jobs. Source D a British poster produced by the Ministry of Food, 1917, highlights the propaganda used to send messages to people in this case it was about bread. It does not show the impact of total war on the homefront but it does show Germany's affect on Britain. Source ~~D~~ C is more reliable than Source D because it shows the effect the war had on Germany's homefront and the low standards of living.

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## Question 3 (continued)

Although it is biased in the that James Gerard was a former American ambassador and at this time America was the enemy. Gerard had only spent four years in Germany and wouldn't have felt the full affect of the war on society because he wasn't apart of it.

End of Question 3