

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.

The US entry into World War One proved to be the most significant and ^{one} turning points of the war. The USA's entry to the war boosted the morale of British and French troops on the front. ~~an~~ ^{lot of moral} had been lost due to the Russian surrender in the east.

The USA also induced fear in Germany as they knew they could not withstand a war with France, British forces and the USA. The German forces, forced an attack to try and end the war before the USA could arrive.

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This forced attack had the British ^{and French} on the back foot, but German supplies by supply lines were fo sketched.

The Allied forces drove them back ~~to~~ all the way until the end of the war

In concluding the USA entry into the war boosted moral of the allied troops and force an offensive by the Germans that they could not withstand.

End of Question 2

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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.

Sources C and D would be useful for an historian studying the impact of total war on the home fronts. ~~and~~ This is due to the fact that ~~the~~ Source C talks about the struggle in Germany and Source D ~~talks~~ gives tips on saving to beat the U-boat crises at sea.

Source C describes ~~the~~ ^{what} life was like in Germany in war times. This source is reliable as is a primary source of a neutral American ambassador who lived in Germany for most of the war. This source shows

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~~There~~ No bias towards either country although it could have been used as propaganda in Britain in 1917.

Source D is a British poster for saving bread during the war. This source ~~could~~ ^{would have} been used to inflict fear of Germany but to see that Britain is still in control of the situation. This ~~source isn't as reliable as~~ is a reliable source as it ~~was~~ ^{is} a primary source and depicts methods of rationing used by British forces in war times.

End of Question 3