

**Question 9** (10 marks)

How useful would Sources E and F be for a historian studying the different goals of Clemenceau, Lloyd George and Wilson in creating the Treaty of Versailles?

10

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

Source E is an extract from a letter by Charles Seymour a member of the US delegation at the Paris peace conference. The perspective that a US member of the delegation is quite useful in understanding Wilson's point of view on the treaty of Versailles and where he stood. However biased it may be, it gives good insight into ~~the~~ a historian wanting to know the side of Wilson. Reliability is questionable knowing that it is only a letter which is of only one's personal opinion and not the opinion of the other countries, which could lead to ~~the~~ events & dealings being left out. The Paris peace talks being held in Paris shows that the French are wanting to have a considerable

Question 9 continues on page 6

Question 9 (continued)

Say in the outcome of the peace talks,  
~~But~~ Because of the real fact that they are  
afraid that Germany will grow strong  
again, and attack. So this in mind the views  
of most allied nations are shared & would  
be quite useful for a historian

Source ~~F~~ is an extract from a  
book by David Lloyd George, which is  
Britain's prime minister. It gives the perspective  
of the British prime minister at the  
time and what he thought was fair  
and just ~~to~~ reparations for ~~the~~ Germany.  
The source is very biased in the sense that  
Britain's own prime minister would hold his  
own country in high regard and leave  
out any indiscretions brought upon by him.  
Very useful as it talks about the two  
opposing ideas that of the three countries,  
with Wilson & Lloyd George on the close  
boundaries that the French faced with Germany.  
And that Clemenceau wanted harsher penalties  
that came from his extremist demanding  
larger penalties for reparations from Germany  
~~with these~~ With both these sources  
being biased it gives a one-sided  
view of the talks at the Treaty of Versailles  
peace talks, but that is ~~also~~ very useful to a  
historian in finding out where the Allies stood.

End of Question 9