2006 HIGHER SCHOOL CERTIFICATE EXAMINATION
Modern History

Section I (continued)

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...
  - home front... suffered... immensely... although...
  - both... countries... had... different... strategies... to...
  - prevent... Source C: an extract... from... former... American... ambassador... James... Gerard... '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... worked... 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... 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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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