

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's homefront suffered immensely although both countries had different strategies to prevent this. Source C an extract from former American ambassador James Gerard'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 effect 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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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.

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