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.

Source C, written by an American ambassador in 1917, describes the impact of total war on German citizens and the restriction of their liberties. Thus, the perspective of an Allied ambassador may lead to an overemphasis on the sufferings of the German front and to show that they were suffering. The context of the source is supported by many other sources from the time, particularly that of women in the workforce and rising cost of living. Despite its potential to be subjective, it is a largely reliable source because the source is supported. However, when studying as a historian, one must remember it might be biased. Although the ambassador concedes that suffering in Berlin was not great and thus implies he is presenting an overall and objective viewpoint, thus it is useful as a historian.

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Study the impact of total war on the home front in Germany but it does omit some information such as:

- (E. Schatz, a substitute goods source is from a credible source, the Ministry of Food and Local released at the time of war, 1917, when returning local skill voluntary. The poster was one of many released to encourage women to make sacrifices around the home in Britain in order to contribute to the total war effort. It shows the perspective of the Ministry of Food and the propaganda techniques employed to influence the home front. The propaganda campaign had an extensive influence upon the home front and contributed to the war effort. However, the source does not discuss the total war efforts such as the dilution of jobs, changing traditions, the entry of women into the workforce and that 80% of munitions were produced by women. Whilst it examines voluntary rationing, food, and does not cover sugar and meat voluntary actions. Thus, the source is reliable for the impact of total war on the home front. However, it does not present a complete representation. It is useful in an historian studying the impact of total war on the women of the home front. An historian must note there were other aspects to total war in Britain.

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