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 entry of the US in WWI proved to be a major turning point. They contributed an abundance of resources, soldiers, and boosted the morale of the Allied forces.

As Germany had defeated Russia in the east, Source A indicates Germany had been weakened in Europe. This was until the U.S joined, bringing with them the hope that the Germans could be defeated. This morale boost significantly helped the French and British who had almost given up.

With the U.S contribution came the mass soldiers of whom were critically needed at the time. With conscription, winning this... the U.S...

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Involvement allowed for better strategic planning on the front lines. Thus, the inexperienced U.S. soldiers could hold the lines while British and French forces executed planned attacks to break the German spirit. With this increased military power provided by the U.S., the war took a turning point.

Just as source A tells of the U.S. declaration of war through violations of neutrality, this in turn proved costly, as supplies and resources were now rapidly sent to Europe and the front lines to aid the Allies. And because this time, the U.S. had become a war of attrition, Germany was rapidly becoming unstable due to its limited resources and high upkeep. This meant that Germany could not afford to push out the opposition through time as the Allied powers now could.

Thus, it was the timing and contributions that made the U.S. involvement so significant. Allowing so many more advantages also provided this proved to be the turning point in the war.

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