

Question 8 (10 marks)

To what extent has research since the end of the 1960s changed our understanding of the evidence from the sites of Pompeii and Herculaneum?

In your answer, refer to Sources *F* and *G* and your own knowledge.

Research since the end of the 1960s has changed our understanding of evidence from the sites of Pompeii and Herculaneum greatly, by the change in technology, developing more theories and opinions and new evidence.

New research procedures and tools have improved over the years and as a result test results and theories have changed. New ways to test human remains have ruled out theories by proving them wrong and creating new ones. We once understood that

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the remains found after the Mount Vesuvius explosion were of the very young, sick or very elderly. Tests have since proved many of them were healthy, strong, capable people.

Further research into translation has affected our understanding once again - by proving things once assumed and believed wrong ^{or questionable}. Many words from the ancient language have been roughly translated but these translations are only right if the Pompeians ^{and} Herculaneum's had the same sort of house plan and use of the rooms as ~~the~~ people of today do.

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