

**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.

Evidence that has been excavated from the sites of Pompeii and Herculaneum post 1960's could of changed our understandings of the site due to advancements in technology and better excavation techniques as a form of research. This is proven to be correct by source F and G.

Source F, ~~source F~~ "Excavated Human Remains from Herculaneum" supports the argument that technological advancements and better excavation techniques from Archaeologists has changed our understanding of the evidence found in Pompeii and Herculaneum due to better research. This is evident in Source F because of the well performed excavation on the body that nothing was damaged or harmed and the jewellery was found ~~near~~ near the location of the body.

Due to excellent <sup>excavation</sup> ~~preservation~~ techniques performed by the Archaeologists

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the research performed on the body would of been clearer and more accurate. ~~There~~ All this research culminates in the archaeologist making a theory-based profile stating that the ~~the~~ skeletal body found was probably a thief due to the possession of jewellery.

In the example the research performed changed our understanding of ~~the~~ the evidence found in Pompeii and Herculaneum due to the fact that without the well <sup>performed excavation</sup> ~~performed~~ ~~excavation~~ methods performed by the Archaeologists the outcome would of been different altering our understandings on Pompeii and Herculaneum.

Source G "the distribution of Pompeian House contents and its significance" supports the argument that technological advancements and better excavation techniques from archaeologists have provided a better base for research that our understandings of the evidence has changed. This is evident in Source G through the use of literal terms. Source G ~~the~~ shows the advancements in Archaeologist in evaluating evidence in research, ~~this~~ this is found in the lines "To translate a cubiculum as a bedroom or a triclinium as a dining room, is to assume that an unchanging function has been established for these ~~excavated~~ excavated spaces" this exert creates the idea that due to the advancement's in research Archaeologist are starting to make invalid assumptions about Archaeological evidence. This idea ~~also~~ changes our understanding of the evidence due to the fact that because of the invalidated assumptions our knowledge of the evidence has been alter <sup>into</sup> ~~to~~ believing



something that could be false.

Due to the following evidence I can conclude that due to advancements in technology and better excavation techniques from archeologists ~~their~~ have changed our understanding of Pompeii and Herculaneum due to better research for the evidence found this is proven in Source F but is not entirely supported by Source G.