

**Question 9** (10 marks)

How useful would Sources E and F be for a historian studying the different goals of Clemenceau, Lloyd George and Wilson in creating the Treaty of Versailles? **10**

In your answer, consider the perspectives provided by the TWO sources and the reliability of each one.

Through Sources E and F ~~we~~ historians can gain an insight ~~to~~ to the different goals of Clemenceau, Lloyd George and Wilson in creating the Treaty of Versailles. Both sources give us much information regarding the views of the different leaders, however both sources show traces of bias, making them that they are ~~historically inaccurate~~ showing one perspective.

Source E is a letter of Charles Seymour, who ~~is~~ is a member of the US delegation and an American. As Woodrow Wilson is a part of this document, ~~the issue~~ the issue of the document having bias arises. As it is from an American perspective, we can see that is a very American-opinionated based source. Through the fact that the source has nation bias, the source cannot be depicted as something a historian can base his/her studies on. It does however give a detailed recount of a person present at the meetings. It could be said that the document is in fact accurate.

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due to how it is a primary source, but it is ruled out through that it has traces of bias, ultimately causing it to not be a source a historian should study.

~~Source F is another text in which the issue of bias arises. As the document is written by David Lloyd George himself, we cannot say that it gives~~

Source F can be a reliable source regarding a historian who would like to learn of the perspective of Lloyd George regarding the treaty of Versailles. As it is written by David Lloyd George himself, we know that it is an accurate, first-hand perspective of his thoughts regarding the Treaty of Versailles. Through how it is written roughly over 15 years since he was Prime Minister ~~he~~ tells us that it is not a source we can trust to be one hundred percent accurate. His views and opinions may have changed since ~~the~~ back then, which makes it an inaccurate, <sup>un</sup>reliable source.

~~we~~ We can learn much from these sources regarding their views on the Treaty of Versailles, but both are proven wrong through bias and the date they were written after the event.

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