**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?

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

Source E is an extract from a letter published by a member of the US delegation during the time in which the three leaders were creating the Treaty of Versailles. Therefore, it is a primary source and the information is thereby taken from someone who experienced the creation of the Treaty.

Source F would be highly useful for a historian studying the different goals of Clemenceau, Lloyd George and Wilson. The degree of accuracy may however be limited as it is written from an American perspective and can therefore contain elements of bias. However, the source would be highly useful for an historian as it contains an overall acute view of the three leaders' views. The source also exclusively attributes the motives of all three leaders which would be highly useful for a historian studying the different goals. Overall, Source E would be highly useful as it provides a clear and concise analysis of the differing goals of all three leaders. The source is written...
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from someone who experienced the establishment of the Treaty and
totally has a strong background of knowledge enabling a historian
to use accurate historical evidence.

Source F is an extract of a primary source of information written by Lloyd George written from 1916-1922
although published in 1938. The source is therefore a primary source as it is an extract of a letter the foreign minister wrote to Lloyd George. The source however, may contain elements of bias as it is written strictly from Lloyd George’s perspective reflecting his personal views and interpretation.

Source F would be highly useful however for a historian studying the different goals of the leaders. The source directly reveals the motives and thoughts of Lloyd George. This is evident in the line “the two issues which created the greatest trouble between France, on the one hand and Britain and the US on the other, were the fixation of the western boundaries of Germany.” This highly thorough analysis of right would be extremely pertinent to a historian analysing the various leaders motives in creating the Treaty. However, the quality of the text could be improved depending on Lloyd George’s motive and audience. In establishing this source, George may have kept his opinión to his audience. Additionally, his motive may not have been to reveal everything; to provide actual information. This may be due to many factors such as his motive and audience. However, overall the source would be highly useful for a historian as it provides a clear insight from one of the leaders who created the Treaty. It not only shows his intention but reveals the other leaders intentions/making it a useful source of historical information.

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