

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.

The human remains ~~of~~ from Herculaneum tell us of the conditions the people lived in as well as their diets. Since the discovery of Pompeii, Archaeologists have been finding new ways of ~~restoring~~^{restoring} the INSULES. Archaeologists decided to focus on one INSULE at a time instead of a whole street at a time. Through the excavation of the houses of Pompeii we have learnt more on the way they live and the structures of these villas. Archaeologists have decided to leave a section of Pompeii alone for future generation in hopes that new technology will be constructed to help the restoration and conservation of Pompeii and Herculaneum. Archaeologists have restored the Garden at the House of the

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silver wedding. Archaeologists have also used casting methods to see ~~to~~ what position the people of Pompeii died in. Since the excavation of Pompeii, the villa's and frescos have been left to the elements and are ~~also~~ deteriorating, and 2000 year old frescos are being defaced by graffiti from tourists that come through Pompeii. Also, the acidic bird poop has been ~~removing~~ ^{wrecking} frescos. The new findings in Pompeii and Herculaneum have helped us understand what religion and how they worshipped back then, as well as their leisure activity. The frescos also give us a view of their ~~dress~~ clothing. 'The villa of Papius' is another example of what we have and will know about Pompeii because of the papyrus scrolls found there. They will be using digital imaging to help decipher these scrolls.

Though much is left unknown in Pompeii, ~~their~~ ~~is~~ technological advances have helped us have a better understanding of the past as well as a better way of unveiling historical artifacts.

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