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Sources for use with Section A.

Answer the question in Section A on the option for which you have been prepared.

Option 37.1: The changing nature of warfare, 1859–1991: perception and reality

Source for use with Question 1.

Source 1: From the General Order issued by Pétain, 12 March 1916. Pétain had recently taken over command of the defence of Verdun, which was under attack by the Germans.

It is vital to our proud nation that we maintain our control of Verdun. Not for the first time, this city stands in the path of a German advance. It is essential that we develop a more resolute defence. This will require us to improve the co-ordination between units so that our front line is continuous. All individual forts and their outworks are to be considered as strongpoints. There will be no repetition of the fall of Fort Douaumont, where the lack of preparation, alertness and discipline led to humiliation. I will lead from the front line and not from the military headquarters. We have to accept that, inevitably, this campaign will be costly in human and material terms. We will fight to retain our position and surrender is not an option.

The principal element of defence will be heavy artillery. We will shell all bridges, crossroads and assembly points. We will fire by day and night and target enemy troops and their supply lines. We will make effective use of reverse slope tactics. The Germans may think they can break through but they will find they have underestimated our strength and resolve.

We must counter the current German aerial supremacy. We will increase our power in the air by forming a squadron of fighter aircraft. We will also develop an effective aerial photography section. Two additional balloon squadrons and two squadrons of fighter planes will be operational in the near future. Knowledge of the enemy's strength and movements will help us to prepare effectively for anything they attempt to do.

We will improve our logistical position by an increased focus on supply. We will ensure the security of the Sacred Way* and upgrade the railway system by building new lines that link with the national network. A specialist regiment of engineers will be created to ensure that this essential work is completed speedily and effectively. We must be certain that we have at least two trains, each carrying 100 tons of shells, arriving every day.

A high standard of discipline and morale is essential. After five or six days at the front under constant bombardment, the men begin to suffer nervous depression. This is no reflection on them as individuals and we must address the situation. I will introduce a rota system. I will also ensure the quality of rations provided is conducive to the health and fitness of the men.

* Sacred Way – a road that conveyed vital supplies to Verdun during 1916

Option 37.2: Germany, 1871–1990: united, divided and reunited

Source for use with Question 2.

Source 2: From the Constitution of the German Federation, passed 16 April 1871. It came into force 4 May 1871.

The German Federation will bear the name 'German Reich' and is to have the following Constitution:

ARTICLE 2. The laws of the Reich are to take precedence over the laws of the states. The Kaiser will proclaim new laws, which will supersede the state laws of the *Länder*.

ARTICLE 3. All military actions will be ordered by the Reich. The Navy and Army are under the command of the Kaiser. The Army of the Federation will be made up of four units, from Prussia, Bavaria, Saxony and Württemberg.

ARTICLE 6. The *Reichstag* will be elected by secret ballot, with all males over the age of 25 having the right to vote. The *Reichstag* cannot initiate legislation but any new legislation must have its approval. The *Reichstag* can be removed, at any time, by the Kaiser. This will lead to a new election, which must take place within 60 days.

ARTICLE 7. The *Bundesrat** will consist of representatives from all states. The representatives will be nominated by the states. Every member of the *Bundesrat* has the right to propose measures. It will have the right to veto measures. There will be 58 members, including 17 from Prussia. 14 opposing votes will constitute a veto.

ARTICLE 11. The king of Prussia will bear the name of Kaiser of Germany. The Kaiser will represent the Reich in international affairs and has the right to make alliances and treaties with foreign powers. He will be responsible for declaring war and making peace in the name of the Reich. A declaration of war requires the approval of the *Bundesrat*.

ARTICLE 12. The 22 royal rulers of individual states will retain many of their traditional rights but are under the ultimate authority of the Kaiser. The states will be responsible for educational, policing and health policies.

ARTICLE 15. The direction of the business of government is the responsibility of the Chancellor who is appointed by the Kaiser. The Chancellor will preside over the *Bundesrat* and have the deciding vote in the case of a tied vote.

*Bundesrat – the Federal Council, which also served as the Upper House of the German parliament

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