

Modern History

Section I (continued)

Question 2 (10 marks)

Use Sources A and B and your own knowledge.

How successful were the Allies and the Germans in using technology to break the stalemate on the Western Front?

The Allies and the Germans both used the technology available ~~to~~ to ill effect. In source A we see the hopelessness of the trenches and how that made war ~~is~~ difficult for both sides. Germany and ~~the~~ the Allies both believed that one massive offensive would stop the war and a decisive victor would emerge. The Allies were mainly governed by idealistic generals who believe in the old methods of war, which constituted a cavalry that saw a long battle that resulted in a victor. Both Germany and the Allies failed to see that this was a new kind of war and that stalemate could only be broken with the use of technology and strategies that involved several attacks ^{a long} ~~any~~ different

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parts of the front that would weaken the enemy in several parts - Technology was a useful weapon that could only be effective if ~~the~~ used properly. Source B is a clear example of how the tanks were miss used.

Rather than forging through and clear way for the troops, Source B states how they stayed behind and were ill effective.

Source B clearly illustrates how the technology could have been used to greatest advantage if the generals had recognised the potential.

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