

Title: To what extent was the Battle of Somme 1916 a British success?

Criterion A: 4 marks

An appropriate question for the investigation has been stated. Two non-contemporary secondary sources have been chosen for an evaluation and the candidate explained the relevance of these sources for the investigation. The first source is a history textbook “*The world this century: working with evidence*” written by the British author Niel DeMarco published in 2004 and the second source is a book “*The 1916 Battle of the Somme: A Reappraisal*” by the British historian Peter Liddle published in 2001. The value and limitations of the origin, purpose and content of these sources could have been discussed a bit more in detail.

Criterion B: 12 marks

There is a logic development (a coherent and effectively organized investigation) that focus well on the stated question. The investigation presents important arguments and gives detailed evidence to support these arguments. Many historians have been used to show that each one of the main arguments is also subject to a discussion – with other words the investigation is not only aware of the different perspectives but also argues in an analytical way to certain conclusions based on these perspectives. The improvement would be a more developed conclusion at the end of the investigation instead of a few different conclusions. Still – this is a well-organized investigation that I clearly focused on the research question and argues in an analytical way towards several conclusions.

Criterion C: 3 marks

The candidate shows an awareness of methods used by historians as well as challenges faced by the professional writers. There is also an explicit connection with these methods and challenges and the candidates own work.

Total: 19 marks