**Describe the weaknesses of the Weimar Constitution. [8]**

Candidate A

One weakness of the Weimar constitution was that the President had too much power. This was a weakness because it meant he could become a dictator and trigger emergency powers through Article 48, this meant that he could pass laws without the support of the Reichstag.

Another weakness is that they signed the Treaty of Versailles. This is a weakness because most German people saw the signing of the Treaty of Versailles as a betrayal. This is because within the treaty it said that Germany couldn’t join the peace organisation called the League of Nations, also they had to pay reparations and take the blame for the start of the war. This is a weakness because the people of Germany believed in the *Stab in the Back Theory* which believed that the government should not have ended the war and should not have signed the Treaty, this lack of support meant that the Government was weak because it did not have the support of the people.

The state was also hostile towards the Weimar Government including the political parties. This would make it hard for the government to pass laws in the Reichstag. Parties against the government included the Communist government and the Nazi party (far left and far right)

Overall, the bad start that the government had after the end of world war one led to a very difficult situation in Weimar Germany.