

Using your understanding of the historical context, assess how convincing the arguments in these three extracts are in relation to the reasons why the crusader states survived between 1099 and 1143. [30 marks]

The main ~~xxx~~ argument presented in extract A for why the crusader states survived is that the Muslim ~~was~~ world was divided which meant that their threat ~~from them~~ to the crusaders was "diluted". This is convincing as it is supported by the fact that, ~~in~~ between 1092 and 1094, almost all major Muslim spiritual, military and political leaders died leaving massive gaps in their leadership which caused ~~an~~ infighting for many years. In 1092, Malik Shah died and his sons fought each other over who would succeed ~~it~~ until 1105 which meant their efforts were not focused on the ~~consolidation and expansion of the~~ crusader states ~~was~~ and they were therefore left to consolidate and expand without much opposition. In addition, in 1094, the Fatimid caliph al-Mustansir died which caused a struggle for the throne eventually won by al-Afdal. However, this further divided ~~the~~ ^{the} Fatimids as ~~in addition~~ a new group emerged ~~was~~, the Assassins, who were opposed to al-Afdal's leadership, ~~and~~ ~~soon~~ refused to recognise him as caliph and ~~control~~ broke off connections with the Fatimid authorities in Cairo. This ~~proves~~ ^{shows} that the crusaders were not fighting

a united enemy which significantly lessened the Muslim threat and ~~allowed the~~ supported the survival of the crusader states. Furthermore, the extract ~~also~~ discusses how the Muslim divisions were "in the Franks' favour" which is a convincing argument as it is supported by the evidence of the Frankish leaders using the divisions to their advantage. For example, in 1144, Roger of Antioch ~~formed~~ formed an alliance with his Muslim neighbours ~~of~~ against the Sultan of Baghdad ~~and~~ which led to ~~the~~ the victory in the Battle of Sarmin ~~a~~ which secured peace in Antioch for four years. This also proves ~~the impact that~~ that extract A is ~~convincing~~ convincing as it shows the direct impact that the "disunity of the Muslim world" had on supporting the survival of the ~~crusader~~ crusader states in the period 1099 to 1143.

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