Paper 2 Question 4 Sample answer

Source F suggests that Stalin never believed Hitler was sincere in making a pact with him and that in what was in effect a game of trickery Stalin himself had won by tricking Hitler. Source G could be considered to make this claim seem surprising as, rather than confirming the Soviet Union had the upper hand in negotiations, it suggests that the Soviet Union was going to be destroyed along the way to German mastery of the universe.

However, G does not really make F surprising as both sources were the predictable interpretations of the two implacably opposed leaders who had indeed both been hoping to trick the other. Both Stalin and Hitler are unsurprisingly justifying their own actions to have got the better of the other in the Pact when speaking to their own people. The fact that they have opposing interpretations is not really a surprise at all.