The league of Nations

This was set up to keep international peace in the future. The League was made responsible for ensuring the peace settlement was maintained.

Reparations

Germany had to pay compensation for the damage caused by the war. This was known as reparations. A Reparations Commission was set up to fix the amount to be paid. In late 1921 it announced the sum of £6600 million. Germany was to pay this off over a period of 42 years.

Military terms

The Treaty greatly reduced the size of the German armed forces:
- The army was limited to 100,000 men. There was to be no conscription. All soldiers had to be volunteers.
- Germany was not allowed tanks, submarines or military aircraft.
- The navy could only have six battleships.
- The Rhineland was demilitarised. This meant that no German troops were allowed into this area next to the French border. The Allies were to keep an army of occupation on the west bank of the Rhine for fifteen years.

War Guilt - Article 231

The War Guilt Clause forced Germany to accept full responsibility for the war.

Territorial changes

All Germany’s colonies in Africa were given to Britain, France or South Africa. New Guinea was given to Australia and Samoa to New Zealand.

The League of Nations

This was set up to keep international peace in the future. The League was made responsible for ensuring the peace settlement was maintained.

Reparations

Germany had to pay compensation for the damage caused by the war. This was known as reparations. A Reparations Commission was set up to fix the amount to be paid. In late 1921 it announced the sum of £6600 million. Germany was to pay this off over a period of 42 years.

Military terms

The Treaty greatly reduced the size of the German armed forces:
- The army was limited to 100,000 men. There was to be no conscription. All soldiers had to be volunteers.
- Germany was not allowed tanks, submarines or military aircraft.
- The navy could only have six battleships.
- The Rhineland was demilitarised. This meant that no German troops were allowed into this area next to the French border. The Allies were to keep an army of occupation on the west bank of the Rhine for fifteen years.

War Guilt - Article 231

The War Guilt Clause forced Germany to accept full responsibility for the war.

Question

Explain in your own words what Germany had to accept in terms of:
- a) loss of territory
- b) reduction in armed forces
- c) war guilt.