**‘None of the emperors of this period managed to achieve a good working relationship with the Senate and senators.’ How far do you agree with this assessment? [30]**

***Evaluate the view of the source using your knowledge of the period…***

***Evaluate the view of the source using your knowledge of other sources…***

***Evaluate the view of the source using your knowledge its provenance…***

“To an extent Nero did develop an effective working relationship with the Senate at the start of his reign in 54 as he attempted to copy the start made by Augustus. According to Suetonius, he agreed annual salaries for poor but “distinguished” senators and went out of his way to appear respectful to the senate, asking them to wait when they passed a vote of thanks to him until he “deserved it”. This suggests that Nero was on positive terms with the Senate, at least at the beginning of his reign.”

**SENATE - ‘Smaller’ sources on this topic**

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| **Source** | **How could you use it in this question?** | **How reliable?** |
| ***Res Gestae*** |  |  |
| **COIN – *Aureus* of Augustus 27 BC (Augustus with Eagle)** |  |  |
| **Strabo *Geography* 17.3.25 (Augustus booklet)** |  |  |
| **COIN – Lost *Aureus* of Augustus (*Res Publica*) 12 BC** |  |  |
| **Macrobius *Saturnalia*** **‘Augustus’ large gifts to senators’** |  |  |
| **COIN – *Aureus* of Claudius AD 41-5 (Claudius with Praetorian Guard)** |  |  |