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History B (Schools History Project)

Unit 2: Schools History Project Depth Study

Option 2B: The American West, c1840–c1895

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Time: 1 hour 15 minutes

Paper Reference

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You do not need any other materials.

Total Marks

Instructions

- Use **black** ink or ball-point pen.
- **Fill in the boxes** at the top of this page with your name, centre number and candidate number.
- Answer Questions 1 and 2, **EITHER** Question 3 **OR** 4 and then **EITHER** Question 5(a) and 5(b) **OR** 6(a) and 6(b).
- Answer the questions in the spaces provided
– *there may be more space than you need.*

Information

- The total mark for this paper is 50.
- The marks for **each** question are shown in brackets
– *use this as a guide as to how much time to spend on each question.*
- Questions labelled with an **asterisk** (*) are ones where the quality of your written communication will be assessed
– *you should take particular care with your spelling, punctuation and grammar, as well as the clarity of expression, on these questions.*

Advice

- Read each question carefully before you start to answer it.
- Keep an eye on the time.
- Check your answers if you have time at the end.

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Answer Question 1 AND Question 2.

Question 1

Study Source A.

Source A: A photograph of a cowboy with a herd of cattle in Nebraska, 1889.



1 What can you learn from Source A about the work of cowboys?

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(Total for Question 1 = 4 marks)



(Total for Question 2 = 9 marks)



Answer EITHER Question 3 OR Question 4.

EITHER

3 Why did the cattle industry grow so quickly in the years 1865–85?

(12)

You may use the following in your answer and any other information of your own.

- 1867: Joseph McCoy set up Abilene as the first cow town.
- 1868: John Iliff won a government contract to provide beef to the Sioux reservations.
- 1880: The first refrigerated railroad wagons were used.

(Total for Question 3 = 12 marks)

OR

4 Why was General Custer defeated at the Battle of the Little Big Horn in 1876?

(12)

You may use the following in your answer and any other information of your own.

- 1868: Custer easily defeated the Cheyenne Indians at the Battle of Washita.
- General Terry decided to divide his force.
- Some of the Plains Indians had Winchester rifles.

(Total for Question 4 = 12 marks)



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Answer EITHER Question 5 OR Question 6.

You must answer both parts of the question you choose.

EITHER

5 (a) Describe the role of the mountain men in the development of the American West in the 1840s. (9)

*(b) 'Women played an important part in the homesteaders' settlement of the Plains'. Do you agree? Explain your answer. (16)

You may use the following in your answer and any other information of your own.

- Homesteaders lived in sod houses.
- There were very few doctors on the Plains.
- 1869: The territory of Wyoming gave women the vote.

(Total for Question 5 = 25 marks)

OR

6 (a) Describe the role of the US government in dealing with lawlessness in the early settlement of the American West. (9)

*(b) 'Wanting to get rich was the most important reason why so many people migrated West in the 1840s and 1850s'. Do you agree? Explain your answer. (16)

You may use the following in your answer and any other information of your own.

- 1839: Unemployment was rising in the East.
- 1846: The Mormons began their move West.
- 1848: Gold was discovered in California.

(Total for Question 6 = 25 marks)



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