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Edexcel GCSE

History B (Schools History Project)

Unit 2: Schools History Project Depth Study

Option 2B: The American West, c1840–c1895

Wednesday 20 June 2012 – Afternoon

Time: 1 hour 15 minutes

Paper Reference

5HB02/2B

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: An illustration from 1869 of a Plains Indian family moving their possessions.



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1 What can you learn from Source A about the lives of Plains Indians?

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(Total for Question 1 = 4 marks)



2 The boxes below show two reasons for migrating West.

Choose **one** and explain why it encouraged people to migrate West.

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Belief in Manifest Destiny

Economic depression in the East

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(Total for Question 2 = 9 marks)



Answer EITHER Question 3 OR Question 4.

EITHER

- 3** In what ways did discoveries of gold lead to problems of law and order in mining towns in the American West?

(12)

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

People of many different nationalities flooded into remote areas where gold was discovered. Claims had to be registered with the District Recorder. Saloons were an important part of life in mining towns.

(Total for Question 3 = 12 marks)

OR

- 4** In what ways was life on the reservations difficult for the Plains Indians in the years 1876–90?

(12)

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

- The US government appointed agents to look after the reservations.
- By 1887 over 2,000 Indian children were in boarding schools.
- 1887: Dawes Act.

(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 how wagon trains were organised to overcome the problems of journeys West in the 1840s. (9)
- *(b) 'The main reason for conflict between the Plains Indians and white Americans was their different attitudes towards land'. Do you agree? Explain your answer. (16)

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

- 1851 and 1868: The Fort Laramie Treaties.
- 1864: The Sand Creek Massacre.
- 1874: Gold was discovered in the Black Hills.

(Total for Question 5 = 25 marks)

OR

- 6** (a) Describe the problems of constructing the railroads across the Great Plains. (9)
- *(b) 'The role of the government was the most important reason for the improvements to homesteaders' lives in the 1870s and 1880s'. Do you agree? Explain your answer. (16)

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

- 1869: The first transcontinental railroad was completed.
- 1873: The Timber and Culture Act.
- 1880s onwards: 'Turkey Red' wheat was grown.

(Total for Question 6 = 25 marks)



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