

Centre Number						Candidate Number				
Surname										
Other Names										
Candidate Signature										

For Examiner's Use	
Examiner's Initials	
Question	Mark
1	
2	
3	
TOTAL	



General Certificate of Secondary Education
Specimen for June 2015 examinations

GCSE History A

Schools History Project

91402A

Unit 2 The American West, 1840–1895

Option: A

Specimen for June 2015 examinations

For this paper you must have:

- a Sources Booklet (enclosed)

Time allowed

- 1 hour 45 minutes

Instructions

- Use black ink or black ball-point pen.
- Fill in the boxes at the top of this page.
- Answer three questions. You must answer Question 1 from **Section A**, one question from **Section B**.
- You must answer the questions in the space provided. Do not write outside the box around each page or on blank pages.
- Do all rough work in this book. Cross through any work that you do not want to be marked.

Information

- The marks for questions are shown in brackets.
- The maximum mark for this paper is 64.
- You are reminded of the need for good English and clear presentation in your answers. All questions should be answered in continuous prose. Quality of Written Communication will be assessed in all answers.
- Spelling, Punctuation and Grammar will be assessed in questions 2(c) and 3 (c) in Section B. The marks available for Spelling, Punctuation and Grammar (SPaG) are shown in **bold**.

Advice

- You are advised to spend 1 hour 5 minutes on **Section A** and 40 minutes on **Section B**.

A large rectangular box containing 25 horizontal dotted lines for writing.

Turn over ►

1 (d) How useful is **Source E** for understanding the problems faced by white people who farmed on the Plains?

Explain your answer using **Source E** and **your knowledge**.

[8 marks]

.....
.....
.....
.....
.....
.....
.....
.....
.....
.....
.....
.....
.....
.....
.....
.....
.....
.....
.....
.....
.....
.....
.....
.....
.....
.....
.....

A large rectangular box containing 25 horizontal dotted lines for writing.

Turn over ►

1 (e) Why were white people able to settle and farm successfully on the Great Plains. **[10 marks]**

.....

.....

.....

.....

.....

.....

.....

.....

.....

.....

.....

.....

.....

.....

.....

.....

.....

.....

.....

.....

.....

.....

.....

.....

.....

A large rectangular box containing 25 horizontal dotted lines for writing.

Turn over ►

A large rectangular box with a solid black border, containing 25 horizontal dotted lines spaced evenly down the page, intended for writing.

Section B

Answer **either** Question 2 **or** Question 3.

EITHER

Total marks for this question: 28 marks

Question 2

Law and Order

2 (a) Why were sheriffs and marshals important?

[4 marks]

.....

.....

.....

.....

.....

.....

.....

.....

.....

.....

.....

.....

.....

.....

.....

.....

.....

.....

.....

.....

.....

.....

.....

Turn over ►

2 (b) Study **Source F** in the Sources Booklet.

Using **Source F** and **your knowledge**, explain why the lack of law and order was a problem on the Great Plains.

[8 marks]

.....

.....

.....

.....

.....

.....

.....

.....

.....

.....

.....

.....

.....

.....

.....

.....

.....

.....

.....

.....

.....

.....

.....

A large rectangular box containing 25 horizontal dotted lines for writing.

Turn over ►

2 (c)

'In the American West, it was the government that solved the problems of law and order.'

How far do you agree with this interpretation of how the problems of law and order in the American West were solved? Explain your answer.

[12 marks]
[SPaG 4 marks]

.....

.....

.....

.....

.....

.....

.....

.....

.....

.....

.....

.....

.....

.....

.....

.....

.....

.....

.....

.....

.....

.....

.....

.....

.....

A large rectangular box containing 25 horizontal dotted lines for writing.

Turn over ►

A large rectangular box containing 25 horizontal dotted lines for writing.

OR

Total marks for this question: 28 marks

Question 3

The Mormons

3 (a) Why was Joseph Smith important?

[4 marks]

.....

.....

.....

.....

.....

.....

.....

.....

.....

.....

.....

.....

.....

.....

.....

.....

.....

.....

.....

.....

.....

.....

.....

Turn over ►

3 (b) Study **Source G** in the Sources Booklet.

Using **Source G** and **your knowledge**, explain why Mormon beliefs and actions often caused conflict with non-Mormons between 1830 and 1844.

[8 marks]

.....

.....

.....

.....

.....

.....

.....

.....

.....

.....

.....

.....

.....

.....

.....

.....

.....

.....

.....

.....

.....

.....

.....

.....

.....

.....

.....

A large rectangular box containing 25 horizontal dotted lines for writing.

Turn over ►

A large rectangular box containing 25 horizontal dotted lines for writing.

Turn over ►

.....
.....
.....
.....
.....
.....
.....
.....
.....
.....
.....
.....
.....
.....
.....
.....
.....
.....
.....
.....
.....
.....
.....
.....
.....
.....
.....
.....
.....
.....
.....
.....
.....
.....
.....
.....
.....
.....
.....
.....
.....
.....
.....
.....
.....
.....
.....
.....
.....
.....

END OF QUESTIONS

There are no questions printed on this page

**DO NOT WRITE ON THIS PAGE
ANSWER IN THE SPACES PROVIDED**

There are no questions printed on this page

**DO NOT WRITE ON THIS PAGE
ANSWER IN THE SPACES PROVIDED**