Edexcel GCSE

Centre Number

Candidate Number

History B (Schools History Project)
Unit 2: Schools History Project Depth Study
Option 2B: The American West, c1840–c1895

Tuesday 25 January 2011 – 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.

Answer Question 1 AND Question 2.

Question 1

Study Source A.

Source A: A painting by John Gast in 1872.

Manifest Destiny

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1 What can you learn from Source A about the idea of Manifest Destiny?

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(Total for Question 1 = 4 marks)

2 The boxes below show two groups of people.

Choose **one** and explain their role in destroying the Plains Indians' traditional way of life after 1876.

(9)

The US government	The US army

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(Total for Question 2 = 9 marks)

Answer EITHER Question 3 OR Question 4.

EITHER

3 Why were the Mormons able to settle successfully at Salt Lake City?

(12)

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

- 1847: The Mormons arrived at the Great Salt Lake.
- The Mormon Church shared out the land.
- 1849: The Perpetual Emigration Fund was set up.

(Total for Question 3 = 12 marks)

OR

4 Why was it so difficult to keep law and order in the cow towns?

(12)

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

- At the end of the Long Drive each year the population of Abilene rose from 500 to 7,000.
- Cowboys were paid at the end of the Long Drive.
- 1878: Wyatt Earp was appointed Assistant Marshall of Dodge City.

(Total for Question 4 = 12 marks)

**Indicate which question you are answering by marking a cross ☒ in the box.
If you change your mind, put a line through the box ☒
and then indicate your new question with a cross ☒.**

Chosen Question Number: **Question 3** ☒   **Question 4** ☒

Answer EITHER Question 5 OR Question 6.

You must answer both parts of the question you choose.

EITHER

5   (a) Describe the Plains Indians' beliefs about warfare.

(9)

*(b) 'The railroads were the most important factor in solving the problems faced by the homesteaders in the years 1870–90'. Do you agree? Explain your answer.

(16)

> You may use the following in your answer and any other information of your own.
>
> - 1870s and 1880s: Farming equipment was manufactured in the eastern states.
> - 1874: Barbed wire was invented.
> - By 1890, six railroads crossed the USA from east to west.

(Total for Question 5 = 25 marks)

OR

6   (a) Describe the effects of the discovery of gold in California in 1848 on the settlement of the American West.

(9)

*(b) 'The work of Joseph McCoy was the most important factor in the development of the cattle industry'. Do you agree? Explain your answer.

(16)

> You may use the following in your answer and any other information of your own.
>
> - Joseph McCoy made Abilene a base for trading cattle.
> - 1872: John Iliff supplied beef to Indian reservations.
> - 1880s: Portable wind pumps were used on the Great Plains.

(Total for Question 6 = 25 marks)

**Indicate which question you are answering by marking a cross ☒ in the box.
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and then indicate your new question with a cross ☒.**

Chosen Question Number: **Question 5** ☒   **Question 6** ☒

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