

## SECTION B: CHANGES IN WORK AND EMPLOYMENT IN AGRICULTURE

### B1: Changes in work and employment in agriculture from the mid eighteenth century to c.1900

#### 3. Answer Part (a) and either Part (b) or Part (c).

- (a) This question is about the introduction of new agricultural methods in the eighteenth and early nineteenth centuries. Look at the painting below which shows Thomas Coke of Norfolk and then answer questions (i) to (iv) which follow.



- (i) Give ONE reason to explain why Thomas Coke was important in agriculture in the eighteenth century. (3)
- (ii) Why were agricultural improvements needed in the eighteenth century? (5)
- (iii) Describe the agricultural changes made by *either* Townshend *or* Bakewell. (5)
- (iv) What effects did new farming methods have on British agriculture in the years before 1815? (7)

(Total: 20 marks)

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Answer *either* Part (b) or Part (c)

### EITHER

- (b) Explain the effect of the Corn Laws and their repeal on British agriculture in the period 1815-1850. (15)

You may use the following information to help you with your answer.

The French Wars 1793-1815
The Corn Law of 1815
The Irish Famine 1845
Repeal of the Corn Laws 1846

### OR

- (c) In what ways did the Great Depression of 1870-1890 affect British farming and farmers? (15)

You may use the following information to help you with your answer.

Improved world transport, the development of railways and steam ships
Poor weather in the 1870s
Development of refrigerator ships in the 1880s
Fall of agricultural rents 1874-1890
Fall of agricultural prices 1875-1899

**(Total 15 Marks)**

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