

Paper B1: The American West, c.1840–c.1895

Answer Question 1 and EITHER Question 2 OR Question 3. Write your answers in the spaces provided.

1. (a) Study Sources A, B and C.

What can you learn from these sources about the problems faced when building the railroad across the United States in the 1860s?

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(b) Use your own knowledge to explain why the government was involved in building the railroads.

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(c) Use your own knowledge.

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(i) Explain the part played by the railroads in helping the settlement of the Plains in the years 1867–85.

OR

(ii) Explain the part played by the railroads in destroying the way of life of the Plains Indians.

**Indicate which question you are answering by marking 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: (c)(i) (c)(ii)

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2. Was the discovery of gold the main reason why the Sioux Wars broke out in the 1860s and 1870s? Explain your answer.

You could include the following in your answer, and any other information of your own.

- In 1862 the Santee Sioux killed over 700 white settlers
- The Bozeman Trail was established in 1863
- In 1875 the government offered the Sioux \$6 million for the Black Hills

(Total 15 marks)

OR

3. Explain why the Mormons were able to make a success of settling in the West in the years 1846–90.

You could include the following in your answer, and any other information of your own.

- The Mormons had to leave Nauvoo in the spring of 1846
- The Perpetual Emigration Fund was set up in 1851
- In 1890 Utah agreed to ban polygamy

(Total 15 marks)

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