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**Answer ONE of the following questions.**

**EITHER**

2. Was the extreme weather the main reason why it was so difficult for the Homesteaders to live and farm on the Plains in the 1860s and 1870s? Explain your answer.

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

- The Plains were known as the Great American Desert
- Thousands of emigrants from Europe settled on the Plains
- No rain fell in Kansas between January 1859 and November 1860

**(Total 15 marks)**

**OR**

3. Why did the life and work of the cowboy change in the years 1865–95? Explain your answer.

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

- In 1866 cattle drives began from Texas
- By 1880 there were approximately 4,500,000 cattle on ranches on the Great Plains
- During 1885 and 1886 there were huge losses of cattle through drought and a severe winter

**(Total 15 marks)**

**Start your answer on the next page.**











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