



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

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**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 people's attitudes towards the Mormons?

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(c) Use your own knowledge.

**EITHER**

(i) Explain why the building of railways increased the number of people settling in the West after 1869. (12)

**OR**

(ii) Explain how the Mormons overcame the difficulties of building a settlement at the Great Salt Lake. (12)

**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 (☒).**

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**Answer ONE of the following questions.**

**EITHER**

2. Why was the boom time for cattle ranching on the Plains so short? Explain your answer.

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

- The American Civil War ended in 1865.
- In 1880 there were approximately 4½ million cattle on the northern Plains.
- In January 1887 temperatures fell to minus 24 °C and the snow was 40 cms deep.

**(Total 15 marks)**

**OR**

3. Was the role of the United States army the most important factor in destroying the Plains Indians' way of life after 1865? Explain your answer.

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

- General Sherman was given the task of uniting the eastern and western states in 1865.
- Gold was discovered in the Black Hills in 1874.
- The 1887 Dawes Act gave the Indians allocations of land to farm and reduced the size of the reservations.

**(Total 15 marks)**

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



Indicate which question you are answering by marking the box (☒).  
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Chosen Question Number:      **Question 2**       **Question 3**

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