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Answer ONE of the following questions.

EITHER

2. Why did large numbers of people move to the West of the United States in the 1840s and 1850s? Explain your answer.

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

- In 1837 there was a financial crisis in the eastern United States.
- In 1843 the US government said that every family arriving in Oregon could claim 640 acres of free land.
- In 1846 the Mormons travelled to the Great Salt Lake.

(Total 15 marks)

OR

3. Did the building of railroads solve the problems faced by the homesteaders trying to settle on the Plains? Explain your answer.

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

- There was a lack of wood on the Plains for building and for fencing land.
- The railroads transported machinery from the east to the Plains.
- There were plagues of grasshoppers in 1871, 1874 and 1875.

(Total 15 marks)

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