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HISTORY

**SPECIFICATION B: IN-DEPTH, THEMATIC
AND DEVELOPMENT STUDIES OF ASPECTS
OF WELSH/ENGLISH AND WORLD HISTORY
PAPER 1**

STUDY IN-DEPTH

10 – THE AMERICAN WEST, 1865-1895

P.M. TUESDAY, 3 June 2008

1 hour (of two hour examination)

| Questions answered | Office use |
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| Q.1 (Compulsory) | /20 |
| Q. | /25 |
| TOTAL | /45 |

INSTRUCTIONS TO CANDIDATES

Write your name, centre number and candidate number in the spaces at the top of this page.

Answer Question 1 (Section A) **and** *either* Question 2 *or* Question 3 (Section B).

Write your answers in the spaces provided in this booklet. Use supplementary sheets when there is insufficient room in this booklet. Write your name at the top of each supplementary sheet, indicating clearly the number of the question you answer. Put the supplementary sheets inside this booklet.

INFORMATION FOR CANDIDATES

The number of marks is given in brackets at the end of each question or part-question.

You will be awarded marks for the quality of your written communication.

Your answers must be relevant and must make full use of information given to be awarded full marks for a question.

You are reminded that you should always support your answers using your knowledge and understanding of the topic chosen.

Answer Question 1 in Section A and **either** Question 2 **or** Question 3 in Section B.

SECTION A

(COMPULSORY)

1. This question is about the battle for the Great Plains.

Study the sources below and then answer the questions which follow each source.

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Source A



[A general in the US army leading his men into action.]

(a) Use Source A and your own knowledge to describe the rôle of the generals in the battle of the Great Plains. [3]

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Source B

The US army was too powerful for the Plains Indians to fight. There were too many soldiers. The system of forts gave them control of the Great Plains. The Indians lacked the resources needed to fight a long war.

[From a school textbook, *The American West 1840-1895*, (1999)]

(b) Use the information in Source B and your own knowledge to explain why the US army was the stronger force in the battle for the Great Plains.

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Source C

The Indians were supplied with the latest model of repeating rifles and ammunition. Their Winchester rifles were far superior to our men's single-shot rifles. The Indians also had superior bullets.

[From the evidence of Private C. King, a soldier in the 5th Cavalry, who reached Little Big Horn shortly after the battle. He was giving his evidence to a government enquiry into the defeat in 1879.]

- (c) How useful is Source C as evidence to an historian studying the reasons why the US army lost the battle of Little Big Horn?
Explain your answer using the source and your own knowledge. [5]

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Source D

The battle of Little Big Horn marked the beginning of the end for the Plains Indians. They had won a great victory but the American people were outraged and demanded revenge on the Plains Indians.

[Mike Mellor, an historian writing in a school textbook, *The American West 1840-1895* (1998)]

- (d) In Source D the author is saying that the American desire for revenge after the battle of Little Big Horn was the main turning point in the battle for the Great Plains. Is this a valid interpretation?

In your answer you should use your own knowledge of the topic, refer to the other relevant sources in this question, and consider how the author came to this interpretation. [8]

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SECTION B

Answer **either** Question 2 or Question 3.

2. This question is about the settlement of the Plains.

Study the information below and then answer the questions which follow.

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INFORMATION

The US government was keen to encourage settlement of the Plains. This illustration shows homesteaders standing outside their house in Nebraska in 1886.



(a) (i) What was a sod house?

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(ii) Explain why the Homestead Act was passed.

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(iii) How important was the rôle of women in the settlement of the Plains?

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(b) (i) Describe a cattle drive.

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(ii) Explain why some people objected to the spread of the railways.

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3. This question is about the 'Wild West'.

Study the information below and then answer the questions which follow.

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INFORMATION

As more people moved out west to settle on the Plains, the crime rate grew. This illustration shows ranchers cutting through a barbed-wire fence.



(a) (i) What was cattle rustling?

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(b) (i) Describe the activities of a vigilante.

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(ii) Explain why Billy the Kid was a famous outlaw.

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