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HISTORY (ROUTE B)

UNIT 1/UNIT 2: Westward Migration: The American West, 1840-1895

A.M. TUESDAY, 7 June 2011

1 hour

Questions answered	Office use
Q.1 (Compulsory)	/ 25
Q.	/ 25
TOTAL	/ 50

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INSTRUCTIONS TO CANDIDATES

Use black ink or black ball-point pen.

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

Answer Question 1 and **either** Question 2 **or** Question 3.

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.

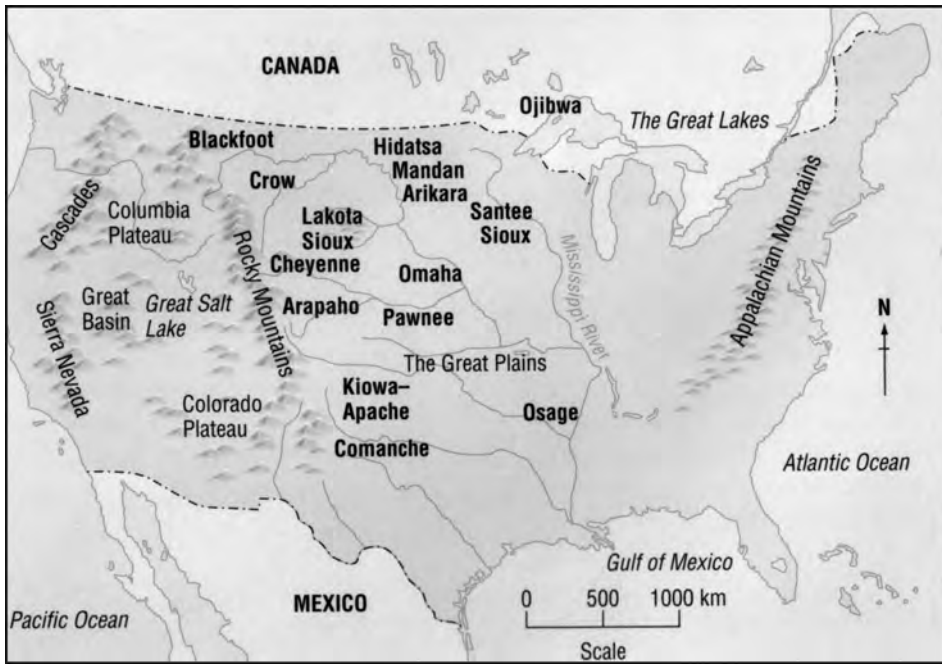
You are reminded that assessment will take into account the quality of written communication used in your answers that involve extended writing. These are questions 1(d) and 2(d) or 3(d).

SECTION A
COMPULSORY

1. This question is an enquiry into the native Americans and the early pioneers. [25]

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

Source A



[A map of the Great Plains showing the location of the native American Nations in 1840]

(a) What does Source A show you about the native American Nations in 1840? [2]

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Source B

Survival for most of the tribes on the Plains depended on their success in hunting the buffalo. They were able to use almost every part of the animal to provide them with what they needed for daily living. As the buffalo roamed, the Indians had to follow the herds wherever they went.

[From a school history textbook]

- (b) Use the information in Source B and your own knowledge to explain why the buffalo was important to the lifestyle of the Plains Indians. [4]

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Source C



[Many Mormons migrated west because their lifestyle was criticised. This American newspaper cartoon of the 1840s makes fun of the Mormon practice of polygamy]

(c) How far does Source C support the view that the Mormons migrated west because their lifestyle was criticised? [5]

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Source D

The Plains Indians live in a tipi. The fire is in the centre and the smoke escapes through an opening at the top. Its shape means that with very little fuel it can be kept warm and comfortable even in the coldest weather. The beds are piles of buffalo robes and blankets, spread on the ground. Since the cooking, eating, living and sleeping are all done in one room, it soon becomes unbelievably filthy.

[Colonel Richard Dodge, writing in his book, *Hunting Grounds of the Great West*, published in 1877. During the 1830s Dodge had travelled across the Plains, attempting to establish friendly contacts with the Comanche and Pawnee tribes]

(d) How useful is Source D to an historian studying the lifestyle of the Plains Indians? [6]

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These two sources say different things about the Californian gold rush.

Source E

EL DORADO
OF THE
UNITED STATES OF AMERICA.

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**THE DISCOVERY**  
OF  
**INEXHAUSTIBLE GOLD MINES**  
IN  
**CALIFORNIA.**

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Tremendous Excitement among the
Americans.

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**The Extensive Preparations**  
TO  
**MIGRATE TO THE GOLD REGION.**  
&c. &c. &c.

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The great discovery of gold in dust and large lumps in California has thrown the American people into wild excitement.

[A Pennsylvania newspaper headline which talks about the huge amounts of gold discovered in California in 1849]

Source F

The stories you hear frequently in the newspapers in the States are the biggest lies imaginable. The rich mines are a myth. All hopes of making a fortune in California are lost sight of in 99 cases out of a 100. Almost everyone wants to get home. It is truly heartbreaking to see the general misery which exists among miners, and to see brave men shed tears at their hopeless condition.

[Part of a letter by a gold prospector in California to his brother back home in North Carolina in 1849]

(e) Why do Sources E and F have different views about the Californian gold rush? [8]
[In your answer you should refer to both the content of the sources and to the authors]

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SECTION B

Answer either Question 2 or Question 3

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

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



[A painting of a cowboy using a lasso to capture a young bull]

(a) What does this painting show you about the work of a cowboy?

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(c) (i) Explain why conflict was common between cattle ranchers and homesteaders.

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(ii) Explain why law enforcement was difficult in the new mining and cow towns.

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

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



[An illustration of the Ghost Dance performed by the Sioux Indians in 1890. It was hoped this would cause the whites to disappear, the buffalo to return and for dead Indian warriors to come back.]

(a) What does this illustration show you about the Ghost Dance?

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(b) Describe what happened at the battle of Little Big Horn.

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(c) (i) Explain why Crazy Horse was a problem to the US Army.

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(ii) Explain why the Plains Indians went to live on reservations.

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