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GCSE HISTORY

Specification A

Unit 2 Option A: The American West, 1840–1895

Tuesday 14 June 2016

Afternoon

Time allowed: 1 hour 45 minutes

Materials

For this paper you must have:

- a Sources Booklet (enclosed).

Instructions

- Use black ink or black ball-point pen.
- Fill in the boxes at the top of this page.
- Answer **two** questions.
You must answer Question 1 in Section A and **one** question from Section B.
- You must answer the questions in the spaces provided. Do not write outside the box around each page or on blank pages.
- Do all rough work in your answer book. Cross through any work you do not want to be marked.

Information

- The maximum mark for this paper is 64.
- The marks for questions are shown in brackets.
- You are reminded of the need for good English and clear presentation in your answers. All questions should be answered in continuous prose. Quality of Written Communication will be assessed in all answers.
- Spelling, Punctuation and Grammar will be assessed in Question 2(c) and 3(c) in Section B. The marks for Spelling, Punctuation and Grammar (**SPaG**) are shown below the mark allocation for each question.

Advice

- You are advised to spend about 1 hour 5 minutes on **Section A** and 40 minutes on **Section B**.



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Section A

You **must** answer this question.

Question 1**Total marks for this question: 36 marks****The Great Plains and the Plains Indians**

Study Sources **A, B, C, D** and **E** in the Sources Booklet and then answer **all** parts of Question 1 which follow. In your answers you should refer to the sources by their letters.

1 (a) What do **Sources A** and **B** suggest about the Plains Indians?

[4 marks]



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1 (e) How was the Indian 'problem' solved after Custer's defeat at the Battle of Little Big Horn in 1876?

[10 marks]



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Section B

Answer **either** Question 2 **or** Question 3 which begins on page 18.

Either

Total marks for this question: 28 marks

Question 2

Farming on the Great Plains

2 (a) Why was the Timber and Culture Act important?

[4 marks]



2 (c) 'The greatest problem which faced homesteaders was the climate.'

How far do you agree with this interpretation of the problems faced by the homesteaders? Explain your answer.

[12 marks]
[SPaG 4 marks]



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3 (c) ‘The main reason why the Mormons were unpopular in the East was because they practised polygamy.’

How far do you agree with this interpretation of why the Mormons were unpopular in the East? Explain your answer.

[12 marks]
[SPaG 4 marks]



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