**History B (Schools History Project)**

**Unit 2: Schools History Project Depth Study**  
**Option 2B: The American West, c1845–c1890**

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**Instructions**

- Use **black** ink or ball-point pen.
- Fill in the **boxes** at the top of this page with your name, centre number and candidate number.
- Answer Questions 1 and 2, **EITHER** Question 3 **OR** 4 and then **EITHER** Question 5(a) and 5(b) **OR** 6(a) and 6(b).
- Answer the questions in the spaces provided – there may be more space than you need.

**Information**

- The total mark for this paper is 54.
- The marks for each question are shown in brackets – use this as a guide as to how much time to spend on each question.
- Questions labelled with an **asterisk** (*) are ones where the quality of your written communication will be assessed – you should take particular care on these questions with your spelling, punctuation and grammar, as well as the clarity of expression.
- The marks available for spelling, punctuation and grammar are clearly indicated.

**Advice**

- Read each question carefully before you start to answer it.
- Check your answers if you have time at the end.
Answer Question 1 AND Question 2.

Question 1
Study Source A.
1 What can you learn from Source A about the Californian Gold Rush?

(Total for Question 1 = 4 marks)
2 The boxes below show two changes on the Plains by 1890.

Choose one and explain how it changed the lives of the Plains Indians.

(9)

- The coming of the railroads
- The use of reservations
Answer EITHER Question 3 OR Question 4.

EITHER

3 Why was it so difficult for the homesteaders to live and work on the Plains in the 1860s?

You may use the following in your answer.

• Water supplies
• Farming equipment

You must also include information of your own.

(Total for Question 3 = 12 marks)

OR

4 In what ways did cattle ranching change in the years 1865–c1890?

You may use the following in your answer.

• The open range
• Barbed wire

You must also include information of your own.

(Total for Question 4 = 12 marks)
Indicate which question you are answering by marking a cross in the box ☑. If you change your mind, put a line through the box ☒ and then indicate your new question with a cross ☑.

Chosen question number:  

**Question 3** ☑  

**Question 4** ☐
Answer EITHER Question 5 OR Question 6.

You must answer both parts of the question you choose.

Spelling, punctuation and grammar will be assessed in *(b).*

EITHER

5  (a) Describe the role of Brigham Young in the development of Salt Lake City.  

*(b) ‘The Donner party failed mainly because they made bad decisions.’

Do you agree? Explain your answer.

You may use the following in your answer.

- The membership of the Donner party
- The weather

You must also include information of your own.

(Total for spelling, punctuation and grammar = 4 marks)
(Total for Question 5 = 29 marks)

OR

6  (a) Describe the problems of constructing the first transcontinental railroad.

*(b) ‘The discovery of gold was the main reason for the outbreak of the Great Sioux War (1876–77).’

Do you agree? Explain your answer.

You may use the following in your answer.

- The Black Hills
- Red Cloud

You must also include information of your own.

(Total for spelling, punctuation and grammar = 4 marks)
(Total for Question 6 = 29 marks)
Indicate which question you are answering by marking a cross in the box ☑. If you change your mind, put a line through the box ☒ and then indicate your new question with a cross ☑.

Chosen question number:  Question 5 ☑ Question 6 ☒
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