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AS Level History A

Y246 The USA in the 19th Century: Westward expansion and Civil War 1803–c.1890

Wednesday 25 May 2016 – Afternoon

Time allowed: 1 hour 30 minutes



You must have:

- the OCR 12-page Answer Booklet (OCR12 sent with general stationery)

INSTRUCTIONS

- Use black ink.
- Answer either Question 1 or Question 2 in Section A, and Question 3 in Section B.
- Write your answer to each question on the Answer Booklet.
- Do **not** write in the barcodes.

INFORMATION

- The total mark for this paper is **50**.
- The marks for each question are shown in brackets [].
- Quality of extended responses will be assessed in questions marked with an asterisk (*).
- This document consists of **4** pages.

SECTION A

Answer **ONE** question.

- 1*** 'Loss of land was the most serious consequence of Federal Government policy for Native American Indians in the period 1803–1890.' How far do you agree? **[30]**
- 2*** How far do the weaknesses of the Confederate Army explain the victory of the North in the American Civil War? **[30]**

SECTION B

- 3 Read the interpretation and then answer the question that follows:

'The quest for better economic opportunities ... continued to excite the American imagination Most of the settlers and adventurers sought to exploit the many economic opportunities afforded by the new lands.'

George Brown Tindall and David E Shi, *America, A Narrative History*, 2004

Evaluate the strengths and limitations of this interpretation, making reference to other interpretations that you have studied. **[20]**

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