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**Monday 20 May 2019 – Afternoon**

**AS Level History A**

**Y246/01** The USA in the 19th Century: Westward expansion and Civil War 1803–c.1890

**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 answers in the Answer Booklet. The question number(s) must be clearly shown.

**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.

**EITHER**

- 1\*** 'The second half of the nineteenth century saw more destruction to Native American societies than the first half.' How far do you agree? **[30]**

**OR**

- 2\*** Assess the impact of westward expansion on the United States by 1890. **[30]**

**SECTION B**

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

'Territorial expansion reached a new peak of intensity in the 1840s... ideas of "manifest destiny" were widely held and became the driving force of public policy.'

From: M. Jones, *The Limits of Liberty: American History 1607–1992*, 2<sup>nd</sup> Edition (1995)

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

**END OF QUESTION PAPER**

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