6.11 Explaining Success and Failure in Settlement of the Great Plains: Test Pack

EDEXCEL 1HI0 · about 15 minutes

Total Marks

Name: _____ Date: ____ / ____ / _____

Answer ALL questions. You are advised to spend about 15 minutes on this pack.

1 Give the year in which the Homestead Act was passed by the US Congress.

(Total for Question 1 is 1 mark)

2 Name the leader who guided the main Mormon migration to the Salt Lake Valley after 1846.

(Total for Question 2 is 1 mark)

3 Give the name commonly used for the long overland route taken by many migrants heading to the West across the Plains.

(Total for Question 3 is 1 mark)

4 Name a crop that settlers introduced or expanded on the Plains that was suited to drier conditions.

(Total for Question 4 is 1 mark)

5 Name the fencing innovation that allowed small farms to enclose land and contributed to the end of the open range cattle economy.

(Total for Question 5 is 1 mark)

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6 Give the years of the two extremely harsh winters that devastated cattle herds and helped end the open range system.

(Total for Question 6 is 1 mark)

7 State two ways in which barbed wire affected cattle ranching on the Plains.

(Total for Question 7 is 2 marks)

8 Explain two methods Mormons used to manage water for irrigation in the Salt Lake settlements.

(Total for Question 8 is 4 marks)

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Mark scheme · 6.11 Explaining Success and Failure in Settlement of the Great Plains: Test Pack

Question 1

1862 **B1**

Answer: 1862

Question 2

Brigham Young **B1**

Answer: Brigham Young

Question 3

the Oregon Trail **B1**

Answer: The Oregon Trail

Question 4

winter wheat (accept wheat, Turkey Red wheat or another drought-tolerant crop such as sorghum) **B1**

Answer: Winter wheat

Question 5

barbed wire **B1**

Answer: Barbed wire

Question 6

1886-87 **B1**

Answer: 1886-87

Question 7

it allowed farmers to enclose fields and stop cattle from roaming freely **B1**

it cut the open range into smaller fenced parcels, reducing the ability of ranchers to drive large herds long distances **B1**

Answer: It let farmers enclose land so cattle could not roam freely, and it broke up the open range, reducing long cattle drives.

Question 8

any one valid method explained, e.g. dug and maintained communal canals and ditches to divert mountain streams to fields **B2**

a second, different valid method explained (e.g. dams and reservoirs, water rights controlled by the Church), or: organised water sharing through local councils so each farm received a measured turn of water **B2**

Answer: They dug communal canals and ditches to divert mountain streams, and a second, different valid method explained (e.g. dams and reservoirs, water rights controlled by the Church), or: organised water sharing through local councils so each farm had a turn of irrigation.

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