6.2 The American West, c1835-c1895: Migration and Early Settlement: 10-minute Pack

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Total Marks

Name: _____ Date: ____ / ____ / _____

Answer ALL questions. You are advised to spend about 10 minutes on this pack.

1 State one consequence for the members of the Donner Party of becoming trapped in the Sierra Nevada.

(Total for Question 1 is 2 marks)

2 Name the type of vehicle in which most migrant families carried their belongings on the overland trails.

(Total for Question 2 is 1 mark)

3 State one difficulty faced by early farming families who settled on the Plains before large-scale settlement began.

(Total for Question 3 is 2 marks)

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4 State one reason why migrants chose to travel west along trails such as the Oregon Trail in the 1840s.

(Total for Question 4 is 2 marks)

5 Name three difficulties migrants commonly faced on the overland trails west.

(Total for Question 5 is 3 marks)

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Question 1

identifies a consequence, e.g. many of the party died of starvation and cold over the winter **B1**

supporting detail, e.g. of the roughly 87 members of the party, about half died before rescue parties were able to reach the survivors in the following spring **B1**

Answer: About half the party died of starvation and cold before rescuers reached the survivors.

Question 2

the covered wagon **B1**

Answer: The covered wagon

Question 3

identifies a difficulty, e.g. a shortage of timber for building and fuel **B1**

supporting detail, e.g. the open grassland had few trees, so early settlers often built homes from blocks of turf (sod) instead of wood **B1**

Answer: A shortage of timber, so some early settlers built homes from blocks of turf (sod) instead.

Question 4

identifies a reason, e.g. the hope of owning good farmland **B1**

supporting detail, e.g. reports of fertile land in Oregon's Willamette Valley attracted families seeking a better living than they could find in the East **B1**

Answer: E.g. the hope of owning fertile farmland, such as in Oregon's Willamette Valley.

Question 5

disease, e.g. cholera **B1**

difficult river crossings **B1**

harsh weather (accept also wagon breakdowns, shortage of food/water, or the risk of getting lost) **B1**

Answer: E.g. disease (such as cholera), difficult river crossings and harsh weather.

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