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A Level History A

Y216/01 The USA in the 19th Century: Westward expansion and Civil War 1803–c.1890

Time allowed: 1 hour

You must have:
- the OCR 12-page Answer Booklet

INSTRUCTIONS
- Use black ink.
- Write your answer to each question in the Answer Booklet. The question numbers must be clearly shown.
- Fill in the boxes on the front of the Answer Booklet.
- Choose **one** question and answer **all** the parts of that question.

INFORMATION
- The total mark for this paper is **30**.
- The marks for each question are shown in brackets **[ ]**.
- Quality of extended response will be assessed in questions marked with an asterisk (*).
- This document has **4** pages.

ADVICE
- Read each question carefully before you start your answer.

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Answer Question 1 **or** Question 2.

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(a) Which of the following was the more important reason for the destruction of Native American societies?

(i) Natural resources

(ii) Americanisation

Explain your answer with reference to both **(i)** and **(ii)**. **[10]**

(b)* How far does the ability of Confederate military commanders explain why the Civil War lasted so long? **[20]**

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(a) Which of the following was the more important reason for the defeat of the Confederacy?

(i) The Wilderness Campaign

(ii) Naval blockade

Explain your answer with reference to both **(i)** and **(ii)**. **[10]**

(b)* 'Economic gain for settlers was the most important consequence of Westward expansion.'

How far do you agree? **[20]**

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