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# AS Level History A

## Unit Y246

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

Sample Question Paper

Version 0.15

## Date – Morning/Afternoon

Time allowed: 1 hour 30 minutes



**OCR supplied materials:**

- 12 page Answer Booklet

**Other materials required:**

- None



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### INSTRUCTIONS

- Use black ink.
- Complete the boxes above with your name, centre number and candidate number.
- 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 bar codes.

### 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\*** How important were railways in westward expansion?

**[30]**

**OR**

**2\*** To what extent was the election of Lincoln as president the main cause of the Civil War?

**[30]**

**Section B**

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

'To explain the sectional conflict, we must come back to the central issue of slavery. For [without slavery] there would have been no *sections*.'

From: M Cunliffe, *The Causes of the American Civil War*, History Today, Volume 3: Issue: 11, 1953

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

**[20]**

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