**Paper 2- Question 3**

In this question, you will have to explain two reasons why something was important for causing something e.g. why was the railroad so important in causing settlement in the west? You will have three different options and you choose two (each work 8 marks, so 16 in total). You want to spend 25 minutes writing this up!

You want to answer it like this:

* Introduce your first reason e.g. “One way in which \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ was important for \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ was because….”
* Explain what you mean by this with precise own knowledge
* Explain exactly how this would cause the factor in the question. “This was responsible for \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ because…”

**Here’s an example…**

**The importance of the opening of the First Transcontinental Railroad (1869) for the**

**settlement of the West**

One way in which the opening of the Transcontinental Railroad (1869) was important for settlement was because it made travel much easier. Although expensive, the railroad very quickly replaced many wagon trails as the most popular mode of travel to the west. The journey was now 10 times quicker and people no longer had the problem of being attacked by Native Americans. It effectively connected western territories with the East and integrated them into the USA. Many felt that ‘Manifest Destiny’ had been achieved. This encouraged settlement as it allowed law officers and officials to move into these areas. As the western territories became more connected with the Federal Government and became more organised, more people would travel as they would feel safer.

Another way that it was important for settlement was because railroad land grants acted as incentive for people to move west. Through the Pacific Railroad Act of 1862, the railroad companies were given over 45 million acres of land between Omaha and Sacramento. To make money from this, they laid on special trips to show possible buyers the attractions of the area. They even gave loans to help people buy land and used aggressive advertising to persuade people to settle. This was responsible for settlement in the west because it was so cheap and gave people the chance to start a new life away from the overcrowded east. It offered hope to many Irish who were fleeing famine, as well as Chinese who were experiencing economic hardship in their homeland.

Explain **two** of the following:

* The importance of Manifest Destiny for migration West. (8)
* The importance of the Homestead Act for the development of the Plains (8)
* The importance of Abilene for the growth of the cattle industry. (8)

**Total = 16 marks**

**Sentence starters**

* One reason why Manifest Destiny was important for migration west was because many used it as justification to occupy land and claim it as US territory…
* Another reason why it was important for migration west was because it was used to justify moving onto Native Land to exploit natural resources…