

This test consists of SIX questions. Answer ALL questions. You have 60 minutes to complete this test. Write your student number on the front page of the answer booklet. Please write in non-erasable ink.

For each question answer whether the statement is true, false or uncertain. In each case provide a detailed explanation for your answer. Answers that are not accompanied by an explanation automatically receive a mark of zero. Each question is worth the same number of marks.

1. The increase in the population of Upper Canada from 25,000 in 1794 to 80,000 in 1814 was largely due to the increased opportunities associated with the increased demand for North American wheat from the UK.
2. The Rideau canal gave American and Canadian farmers in the Great Lakes area a viable alternative to the Erie canal for shipping wheat to an East coast port.
3. Superior management practices and a larger scale of operations allowed the Hudson Bay Company to take over the North West Company when the two companies merged in 1821.
4. The decline of the Buffalo herds in what is now Western Canada in the 1840s owes as much to economic forces as to diseases that arrived with European animals.
5. The Reciprocity Treaty of 1854 had little effect on Canada's international trade.
6. Government incentive schemes led to a high debt-equity ratio in the financing of Canadian railways in the mid nineteenth century.