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POSTTEST LITERASI BAHASA INGGRIS 2

The discovery of gold nuggets in the Sacramento Valley in early 1848 sparked the Gold Rush, arguably one of the most noteworthy events to shape American history during the first half of the ninetieth century. As news of the discovery spread, thousands of prospective gold miners travelled by sea or over land to San Francisco and the surrounding area. By the end of 1849, the non-native population of the California territory was some 100,000 (compared with the pre- 1848 figure of less than 1,000). A total of 2 billion dollars' worth of precious metal was extracted. from the area during theGold Rush, which peaked in 1852.

Throughout 1849, people around the United States (mostly men) borrowed money, mortgaged their property or spent their life savings to make the arduous journey to California. In pursuit of the kind of wealth they had never dreamed of, they left their families and hometowns. In tum, women left behind took on new responsibilities such as running farms or businesses and caring for their children alone. Thousands of would-be gold miners, known as '49ers, traveled overland across the mountains or by sea, sailing to Panama or even around Cape Horn, the southernmost point of South America.

To accomodate the needs of the '49ers, gold mining towns had sprung up all over the region, complete with shops, saloons, brothels and other businesses seeking to make their own Gold Rush fortune. The overcrowded chaos vite mining camps and towns grew ever more lawless, including rampant banditry, gambling, prostitution and violence.

After 1850, the surface gold in California largely disappeared. Though gold mining continued throughout the 1850, it had reached its peak by 1852, when some eighty-one million dollars was pulled from the ground. After that year, the total declined gradually. Settlement in california continued, however, and by the end of the decade the state's population was 380.000

1. The phrase 'gold nuggets' means...
   A. Liquidised gold
   B. Gold chunk
   C. Gold jewellry
   D. Paper gold
   E. Gold imitation
2. What did women do when men took a journey to California in 1849?
   A. She followed some feminist movements to protect men.
   B. Stayed at home.
   C. Searched for gold too to be sold when men hadn't come home yet.
   D. Running farms or businesses and caring for their children
   E. Did a short journey to learn in order to have more knowledge.
3. "... borrowed money, mortgaged their property or spent their life savings..." the underlined word has the same meaning as..
   A. Bought
   B. Hypothecated
   C. Rented
   D. Exchanged
   E. Sold
4. Bad things had happened during the Gold Rush, one of them is in these statements...
   A. The people were struggling to find shelters for their safety.
   B. California had fallen down and nothing could save the country.
   C. The needs of logistic were in high demand and no solution to solve it.
   D. Many people died because of the gold inflation.
   E. There was a chaos that caused rampant banditry, gambling, prostitution and violence.
5. How many populations were survive after Gold Rush?
   A. 380.000
   B. 100.000
   C. 500.000
   D. 350.000
   E. 150.000

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