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**Q.1 TO Q.3**

1. **The problems that were faced by the Irish who emigrated to America were the following:**

* **Emigration to the U.S. was expensive.**
* **The journey was long and difficult.**
* **The immigration rules were strict.**
* **The Famine migrants were Catholic and most spoke Irish and their arrival was not welcomed by the large Protestant population in the U.S.**
* **They had to compete with Americans for manual labour jobs.**
* **They suffered discrimination when the economy was slow. In the 1850’s ‘No Irish Need Apply’ was a familiar feature of job advertisements.**

1. **The kinds of work the Irish emigrants in America did were manual labour jobs such as working in the docks. They also served in the U.S. Army in the American Civil War and afterwards worked in building the Union Pacific Railroad.**
2. **The impact that Irish immigrants had on America and the American people was that many Irish-Americans had a deep hatred towards the British government in Ireland and went on to support the Irish nationalist movement. Today, over 41 million Americans claim Irish ancestry including several presidents as well as writers and actors.**