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DEPARTMENT OF HISTORY

SUPPLEMENTARY EXAMINATION PAPER, JULY 2006

TITLE OF PAPER : HISTORY OF THE UNITED STATES SINCE 1865

COURSE CODE : H406/IDE-H406

TIME ALLOWED : THREE (3) HOURS

INSTRUCTIONS :

- 1. ANSWER FOUR (4) QUESTIONS, CHOOSING AT LEAST ONE (1) FROM EACH SECTION.**
- 2. ALL QUESTIONS CARRY EQUAL MARKS.**

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SECTION A

QUESTION 1

What was the 1877 compromise, and how did it affect black people in the U.S.A.?

QUESTION 2

Discuss the United States' natural resource base as a factor that facilitated industrial growth.

QUESTION 3

What major issues promoted the rise of progressivism in the United States?

QUESTION 4

Discuss the different views in the debate over late 19th century American imperialism.

SECTION B

QUESTION 5

"The United States used atomic bombs in 1945 in order to avenge the Pearl Harbour and the Japanese treatment of American prisoners of War". Do you agree?

QUESTION 6

How did the desire for global dominance after the Second World War spoil relations between the U.S. and the Soviet Union?

QUESTION 7

Why was the U.S. involved in the Vietnam war? Account for the failure of the U.S. to win this war.

QUESTION 8

Examine factors that led to the end of the Cold War.