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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

Assess the achievements of Radical reconstruction in the United States between 1865 and 1877. What impact, if any, did the Compromise of 1877 have on the reconstruction process?

Question 2

According to Sean Dennis Cashman, the United States was destined to become an industrialized nation after 1865 primarily because "it already had the prerequisites for such a transformation". Do you agree?

Question 3

To what extent was Progressivism a movement for social, political and economic reform in early twentieth century America?

Question 4

President Woodrow Wilson is regarded by many historians to have been the sole architect behind the formation of the League of Nations. Yet, his own country, the United States of America, did not become a member of this international organization. How do you explain this irony?

SECTION B

Question 5

What were the major causes of the Great Depression of the late 1920s and 1930s in the United States?

Question 6

Did the United States engage in atomic warfare for reasons other than for forcing Japan's surrender during World War II?

Question 7

What is meant by the term "Cold War" and what were its major causes?

Question 8

How correct is the view that American foreign policy towards South Africa helped to sustain rather than destroy the system of apartheid?