

**UNIVERSITY OF SWAZILAND  
DEPARTMENT OF HISTORY  
SUPPLEMENTARY EXAMINATION PAPER JULY 2009**

**TITLE OF PAPER : HISTORY OF THE USA SINCE 1865**

**COURSE CODE : H406/IDE H406**

**TIME ALLOWED : THREE (3) HOURS**

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

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## **SECTION A**

### **Question one**

What were the opposing views over Reconstruction in the wake of the American Civil War? [25 marks]

### **Question two**

How did farmers in the United States try to protect their economic interests between 1870 and 1900? Were their efforts successful? [25 marks]

### **Question three**

Discuss the main causes and results of the Spanish American War of 1898. [25 marks]

### **Question four**

Why did the United States fail to join the League of Nations after World War I? [25 marks]

## **SECTION B**

### **Question five**

What did President Warren G. Harding mean by a "return to normalcy" after World War I? [25 marks]

### **Question six**

Critically analyze the performance of the New Deal between 1833 and 1838. [25 marks]

### **Question seven**

What steps were taken by the U.S. Congress and other political leaders to keep America out of WWII? Why did the U.S. eventually enter the war? [25 marks]

### **Question eight**

How did American political leaders respond to the perceived threat of a Communist aggression during the late 1940s and early 1950s? [25 marks]