

UNIVERSITY OF SWAZILAND
DEPARTMENT OF HISTORY
SUPPLEMENTARY EXAMINATION PAPER JULY, 2012

TITLE OF PAPER : HISTORY OF THE UNITED STATES SINCE 1865

COURSE CODE : H406/IDE H406

TIME ALLOWED : THREE (3) HOURS

- INSTRUCTIONS :**
- 1. ANSWER ANY 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**

Why did the Federal Congress disagree with Presidents Lincoln and Johnson over matters of reconstruction between 1863 and 1867? **[25 marks]**

Question 2

Discuss the main arguments that were raised in opposing American overseas expansion in the late nineteenth century. **[25 marks]**

Question 3

Discuss the causes and results of the Spanish American War. Why was this war described as a "Splendid little war?" **[25 marks]**

Question 4

Assess the contributions of Theodore Roosevelt, William Howard Taft and Woodrow Wilson to the Progressive Movement. **[25 marks]**

SECTION B**Question 5**

What were the main sources of economic growth in the United States during the 1920s?
[25 marks]

Question 6

Identify the major components of the New Deal's stated goals of Relief, Recovery and Reform. Assess the extent to which the Roosevelt administration was able to achieve these goals.
[25 marks]

Question 7

Critically analyze America's decision to use atomic war-fare against Japan during World War II.
[25 marks]

Question 8

Discuss the different historical interpretations for the origins of the Cold War.
[25 marks]