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TITLE OF PAPER : HISTORY OF THE UNITED STATES SINCE 1865

COURSE CODE : H423/IDE H423

TIME ALLOWED : Two (2) Hours

INSTRUCTIONS :

- 1. Answer any two (2) questions**
- 2. All questions carry equal marks**

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Question 1

Discuss the causes of the Great Depression that affected the American economy in the late 1920s and early 1930s. [25 marks]

Question 2

Discuss the impact of the Roosevelt Administration and the New Deal on American politics and society. [25 marks]

Question 3

Describe American attitudes towards taking part in World War II prior to December 1941. What steps did the United States take to avoid involvement in the war? [25 marks]

Question 4

Discuss the major questions raised by America's decision to drop atomic bombs on Hiroshima and Nagasaki. [25 marks]

Question 5

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