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FIRST SEMESTER EXAMINATION, DECEMBER 2017

TITLE OF PAPER: HISTORY OF THE UNITED STATES OF AMERICA
1865-1920

COURSE CODE: H422

TIME ALLOWED: *TWO (2)* HOURS

INSTRUCTIONS: ANSWER *TWO (2)* QUESTIONS IN ALL. ALL
QUESTIONS CARRY EQUAL MARKS.

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1. Critically evaluate the reconstruction in post-civil war America. [25 marks]
 2. Examine the place of Jim Crow Laws in US history up to 1920. [25 marks]
 3. What effect did the Compromise of 1877 have on politics in the North and South of the United States? [25 marks]
 4. Explain how **three** of the following shaped northern politics during Reconstruction: (a) the Depression of 1873 (b) Crédit Mobilier (c) the “Swing Around the Circle” speeches (d) the Resumption Act of 1875 [25 marks].
 5. When and why did the United States enter the First World War? [25 marks].