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

COURSE CODE : H422/IDEH422/HIS423

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 major provisions of President Abraham Lincoln's plan for reconstructing the South. Why did the Radical Republicans oppose Lincoln and what alternative conditions did they propose? **[25 marks]**

Question 2

"In the last four decades following the end of the Civil War, the United States propelled itself into the forefront of the industrializing nations of the world... America's economy, and along with it the nation's society and culture, were being profoundly transformed."

How would you account for Alan Brinkely's description of the rapid transformation of the American economy in the post-Civil War years? **[25 marks]**

Question 3

Discuss the reasons advanced by anti-imperialists to oppose the creation of an American overseas empire in the years immediately following the Civil War of 1861-1865. **[25 marks]**

Question 4

When World War I began in August 1914, Americans stayed out of the war because they believed that it had little to do with them. However, after nearly three years, the United States eventually entered the war in April 1917. Discuss the sequence of events that gradually eroded America's neutrality during those three years between 1914 and 1917. **[25 marks]**

Question 5

Explain how controversies over the Treaty of Versailles in America resulted in the United States Senate voting against American membership in the League of Nations. **[25 marks]**