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**UNIVERSITY OF ESWATINI**  
**DEPARTMENT OF HISTORY**  
**RESIT EXAMINATION PAPER 2018/19**

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

**COURSE CODE : H422/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**

Explain how the sectionalism and division over slavery in the United States led to the outbreak of the American Civil war of 1861-1865. Why did Abraham Lincoln's election as American President push the South into seceding from the rest of the Union?

**[25 marks]**

**Question 2**

Discuss the major pre-requisites that were essential to the rapid transformation of the American economy between 1865 and 1900.

**[25 marks]**

**Question 3**

Describe the economic, philosophical, religious and intellectual factors that helped create a new nationalistic mood more receptive to American overseas expansion in the late nineteenth century.

**[25 marks]**

**Question 4**

What were the causes and results of America's involvement in Cuban affairs in the 1890s? Why was the Spanish-American War called a "splendid little War?"

**[25 marks]**

**Question 5**

Discuss the main reasons for America's reluctance to join the 1st World War in August 1914.

**[25 marks]**