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DEPARTMENT OF HISTORY
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**COURSE TITLE: HISTORY OF THE UNITED STATES SINCE
 1920**

COURSE CODE: HIS424/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 major forces that catapulted the United States into becoming the world's most prosperous nation at the end of the First World War. [25 marks]

Question 2

Why did the decade of the 1920s in America end with the most severe and longest economic collapse in the nation's history? [25 marks]

Question 3

Critically assess the legacy and impact of New Deal policies on American society between 1933 and 1939. [25 marks]

Question 4

Account for the reluctance of the United States to join the Second World War that started in Europe in September 1939. Why did America eventually join the war in December 1941?

[25 marks]

Question 5

Explain the meaning of the term "Containment" in the context of American foreign policy after 1945. Why did the United States find it necessary to extend its policy of Containment beyond the European theatre? [25 marks]