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

COURSE CODE : 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

Critically examine how the arguments raised by the northern and southern states in the United States resulted in the American Civil War of 1861-1865. Why did Abraham Lincoln's election as American President in 1860 culminate in the decision by eleven states in the south to secede from the rest of the Union?

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Question 2

How did the existence of a strong resource base, including the increase in the production of raw materials and proficiency in industrial organization, result in the rapid transformation of America's economy between 1865 and 1900?

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Question 3

Why did America's expansionist policy during the post-civil war years assume a different character from the imperialistic tendencies of European powers during the second half of the 19th century?

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Question 4

Discuss the economic and political forces that led to the emergence of the Progressive movement in the United States during the first two decades of the twentieth century.

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Question 5

Discuss the reasons that led to the United States Senate to reject President Woodrow Wilson's idea of American membership in the League of Nations at the end of the First World War.

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