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MAIN EXAMINATION PAPER JUNE, 2020

TITLE OF PAPER : HISTORY OF THE UNITED STATES SINCE 1920

COURSE CODE : HIS424/IDE HIS424

TIME ALLOWED : Two (2) Hours

- INSTRUCTIONS :
1. Answer any two (2) questions
 2. All questions carry equal marks

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Question 1

What role did the following play in fostering America's unprecedented economic prosperity between 1920 and 1928?

- World War I; [6 marks]
- Improved salaries for American workers [4 marks]
- New technologies in the production sector; [4 marks]
- Consumer consciousness; and [6 marks]
- Relations between government and big business. [5 marks]

Question 2

Explain how Herbert Hoover's political beliefs and economic policies were largely responsible for the Great depression in the United States. [25 marks]

Question 3

Examine and evaluate the purpose, success and/or failure of New Deal legislation enacted before and after 1935 to get America out of the depression. [25 marks]

Question 4

Discuss the reasons for America's isolationist policy in the build up to the Second World War. What subsequent developments outside the United States suggest that such a policy may have been self-defeating? [25 marks]

Question 5

How did the United States use its position as the strongest and wealthiest nation in the world to shape economic recovery in Europe in the aftermath of World War II? [25 marks]