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

COURSE CODE : 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

What are the key factors that explain how the power of the Radical Republicans grew and later diminished during the era of Reconstruction? **[25 marks]**

Question 2

Using specific examples, explain how the United States economy was transformed and developed at a faster rate than most countries in the post-Civil War period **[25 marks]**

Question 3

Describe how the writings of Captain Alfred T. Mahan promoted imperialist views and led to the expansion of the American navy during the last decade of the 19th century. **[25 marks]**

Question 4

Discuss the various reasons advanced by the United States to justify its neutrality policy before entering World War I. How realistic was America's commitment to total neutrality and impartiality prior to April 1917? **[25 marks]**

Question 5

Analyze how the disagreement between President and Congress over Wilson's 14 points led to the repudiation of the United States in joining the League of Nations. **[25 marks]**