

UNIVERSITY OF ESWATINI
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RE-SIT EXAMINATION PAPER FEBRUARY, 2021

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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BY THE INVIGILATOR**

Question 1

Describe the different military strategies used by both the Union and Confederate troops during the American Civil War of 1861-1865. Why was victory in the Civil War significant to the Union and the Republican Party? [25 marks]

Question 2

Discuss the long-term successes and failures of the Reconstruction era for American Blacks in the South between 1865 and 1877. [25 marks]

OR

Describe the two most important concessions that were made in the Compromise of 1877 and the effects of these concessions on Reconstruction. [25 marks]

Question 3

Critically discuss the rise of labour unions in the United States during the late 19th century and the obstacles they faced during this period. [25 marks]

Question 4

Discuss the key reasons why America went to war with Spain over Cuba in 1898. [25 marks]

Question 5

Explain how economic and political considerations pushed the United States into joining the First World War in April 1917. [25 marks]