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MAIN EXAMINATION MAIN EXAMINATION OCTOBER, 2021

COURSE TITLE : HISTORY OF THE UNITED STATES SINCE 1920

COURSE CODE: HIS424/IDE HIS424

TIME ALLOWED: TWO (2) HOURS

INSTRUCTIONS: ANSWER ANY TWO QUESTIONS

ALL QUESTIONS CARRY EQUAL MARKS

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GRANTED BY THE INVIGILATOR.**

Question 1

In what ways did the relationship between the Republican government and big business foster America's unprecedented economic prosperity in the 1920s? Discuss two other major factors that also contributed to this economic growth during this time. [25 marks]

Question 2

America's economic crisis of the 1930s was due largely to the ill-conceived Republican policies of the Hoover administration. How valid is this statement in relation to the causes of the Great Depression? [25 marks]

Question 3

Discuss the 3 key objectives including the agencies of the New Deal that were set up by the Roosevelt administration in its efforts to revive the American economy in the 1930s. To what extent was the New Deal able to achieve its stated objectives?

[25 marks]

Question 4

Critically examine America's decision to adopt a non-interventionist attitude in the build up to the Second World War between 1933 and 1939. [25 marks]

Question 5

Critically examine the circumstances that led to the adoption of the policy of Containment in the aftermath of growing tension between the United States and the Soviet Union between 1947 and 1990. [25 marks]