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**DEPARTMENT OF HISTORY**  
**MAIN EXAMINATION PAPER MAY, 2014**

**COURSE TITLE : HISTORY OF THE UNITED STATES SINCE 1920**

**COURSE CODE : H423/IDE423**

**TIME ALLOWED : TWO (2) HOURS**

**INSTRUCTIONS : ANSWER ANY TWO QUESTIONS**

**ALL QUESTIONS CARRY EQUAL MARKS**

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**Question 1**

Discuss the sources of America's unprecedented economic prosperity of the 1920s.

[25 marks]

**Question 2**

Discuss five main causes of the Great Depression that began in the United States in October 1929.

[25 marks]

**Question 3**

Describe American attitudes towards the growing possibility of an outbreak of war in Europe between 1935 and 1939.

[25 marks]

**Question 4**

Was America justified in its decision to use atomic bombs during the war against Japan in August 1945?

[25 marks]

**Question 5**

Explain the significance of the Truman Doctrine and the policy of Containment in the context of the Cold war. Why did it become necessary to extend Containment beyond Europe in 1949?

[25 marks]