

UNIVERSITY OF SWAZILAND
DEPARTMENT OF HISTORY
SUPPLEMENTARY EXAMINATION PAPER JULY, 2015

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

COURSE CODE : H422/IDE H422

TIME ALLOWED : TWO (2) HOURS

- INSTRUCTIONS :**
- 1. ANSWER ANY TWO (2) QUESTIONS**
 - 2. ALL QUESTIONS CARRY EQUAL MARKS**

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Question 1

Discuss the different views raised by the northern and the southern states respectively to oppose to and defend slavery in the years leading up to the outbreak of the American Civil War. In your view, why was the north able to win the war? **[25 marks]**

Question 2

Discuss the main characteristics of the governments that were established through Radical Reconstruction in the American south. Why did Radical Reconstruction eventually collapse in 1877? **[25 marks]**

Question 3

How did the existence of a strong resource base transform the United States from a rural republic into an industrial empire between 1870 and 1900? **[25 marks]**

Question 4

Discuss the major causes and results of the Spanish-American War of 1898. **[25 marks]**

Question 5

Discuss the reasons that were advanced by the United States for choosing to remain neutral when the First World War started in August, 1914. Why did America eventually join the war in April, 1917? **[25 marks]**