MAIN EXAMINATION MAY, 2015

COURSE TITLE:

HISTORY OF THE UNITED STATES SINCE 1920

COURSE CODE:

H423/IDE H423

TIME ALLOWED:

TWO (2) HOURS

INSTRUCTIONS:

ANSWER ANY TWO QUESTIONS

ALL QUESTIONS CARRY EQUAL MARKS

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Discuss the five major causes of the Great Depression that started in the United States in October 1929. [25 marks]

Question 3

Describe American attitudes between 1933 and 1939 towards the possibility of the outbreak of the Second World War. [25 marks]

Question 4

Critically analyze the justifications raised by American government officials to justify their decision to drop atomic bombs in Hiroshima and Nagasaki in early August 1945. [25 marks]

Question 5

Discuss the competing interpretations for the causes of the Cold War that dominated relations between the United States and the Soviet Union between 1945 and 1990. [25 marks]