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TITLE OF PAPER : HISTORY OF THE UNITED STATES SINCE 1865

COURSE CODE : H423/IDE H423

TIME ALLOWED : Two (2) Hours

INSTRUCTIONS :

- 1. Answer any two (2) questions**
- 2. All questions carry equal marks**

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Question 1

- a) Describe the steps taken by the United States to adjust from the wartime policies of the Wilson Administration into the “new era.” [25 marks]

OR

- b) Discuss the sources that were behind the economic prosperity of the 1920s in the United States. [25 marks]

Question 2

Discuss the impact of the Roosevelt Administration and the New Deal on American politics and society. [25 marks]

Question 3

Describe American attitudes towards taking part in World War II prior to December 1941. [25 marks]

Question 4

Discuss major questions that surfaced after 1945 about America’s decision to use atomic weapons against Japan. [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]