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DEPARTMENT OF HISTORY
SUPPLEMENTARY EXAMINATION PAPER JULY, 2017

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

Using specific examples, explain why the reconstruction of American society was necessary in the aftermath of the American Civil War of 1861-1865. Compare the Lincoln and Johnson plans for reconstruction with the reconstruction plans of the Radical Republicans. **[25 marks]**

Question 2

Critically examine the responses of urban workers to the problems brought by American industrialization and urbanization during the latter half of the 19th century. Describe the difficulties faced by labour unions in addressing the problems associated with the new forces of industrialism. **[25 marks]**

Question 3

Discuss the main economic, political, historical and racial arguments that were used to oppose American overseas expansion in the first twenty years after the American Civil War. **[25 marks]**

Question 4

Discuss the causes and results of the Spanish-American War of 1898. Why did Americans call the war called "our splendid little war?" **[25 marks]**

Question 5

Why did the Senate in the United States object to President Wilson's vision of the League of Nations? Your answer should include the positions of both the "Reservationists" and "Irreconcilables" that blocked American membership in the League. **[25 marks]**