

**FACULTY OF HUMANITIES**  
**DEPARTMENT OF HISTORY**

***SUPPLEMENTARY***

FIRST SEMESTER EXAMINATION, DECEMBER 2017

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

COURSE CODE:

H422

TIME ALLOWED: TWO (2) HOURS

INSTRUCTIONS: ANSWER *TWO (2)* QUESTIONS IN ALL. ALL QUESTIONS CARRY  
EQUAL MARKS.

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PERMISSION.

1. What effect did Reconstruction have on African Americans? Were they better off after Reconstruction than they were before the Civil War? [25 marks]
2. Was the impeachment of President Johnson justified? What were the consequences of his acquittal in the Senate? [25 marks]
3. What effect did the Compromise of 1877 have on politics in the North and South of the United States? [25 marks]
4. Explain how three of the following shaped northern politics during Reconstruction: (a) the Depression of 1873 (b) Crédit Mobilier (c) the "Swing Around the Circle" speeches (d) the Resumption Act of 1875 [25 marks]
5. How can the entry of United States into the First World War be justified? [25 marks]