

**UNIVERSITY OF SWAZILAND  
DEPARTMENT OF HISTORY  
MAIN EXAMINATION PAPER MAY 2008**

**TITLE OF PAPER : HISTORY OF THE USA SINCE 1865**

**COURSE CODE : H406/IDE H406**

**TIME ALLOWED : THREE (3) HOURS**

- INSTRUCTIONS :**
- 1. ANSWER ANY FOUR (4) QUESTIONS  
CHOOSING AT LEAST ONE FROM EACH  
SECTION**
  - 2. ALL QUESTIONS CARRY EQUAL MARKS**

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## **SECTION A**

### **Question one**

Why did Presidents Lincoln and Johnson disagree with the Federal Congress over matters of reconstruction?

### **Question two**

How did workers in the United States attempt to solve their problems during the industrial revolution?

### **Question three**

Discuss the main arguments that were raised in justifying or opposing American overseas expansion in the late nineteenth century.

### **Question four**

Critically examine the view that during World War I, especially between 1914 and 1917, the United States was **not** “neutral in thought as well as in action”.

## **SECTION B**

### **Question five**

Discuss the major reasons for American economic growth and decline in the 1920s.

### **Question six**

What were the main objectives of the New Deal between 1933 and 1937?

### **Question seven**

How did Americans' attitudes about United States involvement in World War I shape their attitudes about involvement in World War II?

### **Question eight**

Using specific examples, explain why it was necessary to extend the doctrine of containment beyond Europe.