

**UNIVERSITY OF SWAZILAND  
DEPARTMENT OF HISTORY  
SUPPLEMENTARY EXAMINATION PAPER JULY, 2008**

**TITLE OF PAPER : HISTORY OF THE UNITED STATES SINCE 1865**

**COURSE CODE : H406/IDE H406**

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

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

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## **SECTION A**

### **Question one**

Assess the performance of the governments that were established through military reconstruction in the South between 1868 and 1876. How did white southerners react to Republican Party rule?

### **Question two**

Discuss the main factors that made it possible for the USA to industrialize more rapidly than its predecessors.

### **Question three**

Account for the rise of the Progressive movement in the USA at the turn of the twentieth century.

### **Question four**

Discuss the factors that led to direct American involvement in World War I in 1917.

## **SECTION B**

### **Question five**

Assess the successes and failures of the New Deal

### **Question six**

Why did Japan's military leaders decide to attack the United States during World War II?

### **Question seven**

Discuss the major questions raised by America's decision to drop atomic bombs on Hiroshima and Nagasaki.

### **Question eight**

Cold War considerations played a very critical role in shaping American foreign policy between 1945 and 1990. Do you agree?