

**UNIVERSITY OF SWAZILAND  
DEPARTMENT OF HISTORY  
MAIN EXAMINATION PAPER MAY 2010**

**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**

Critically assess the differences between conservative and radical views on the reconstruction process in the United States between 1863 and 1866.

**[25 marks]**

### **Question two**

Examine the rise of agrarian discontent in the United States as manifested in the Granger Movement, Farmers' alliances and the populist Movement.

**[25marks]**

### **Question three**

Discuss the origins and varieties of the American Progressive impulse of the early twentieth century.

**[25 marks]**

### **Question four**

Discuss the circumstances that led to American rejection of the treaty of Versailles.

**[25 marks]**

## **SECTION B**

### **Question five**

Discuss the reasons for the industrial boom of the 1920s in the USA after a period of economic readjustment following World War I. [25 marks]

### **Question six**

Critically assess the lasting impact of the New Deal on the American economy and political system. [25 marks]

### **Question seven**

How did American attitudes about involvement in World War I shape their attitudes about involvement in World War II? In your answer you should include steps taken by Congress to keep America out of the war. [25 marks]

### **Question eight**

Assess the meaning and intentions of the Truman Doctrine and the specific programmes that implemented it. [25 marks]