

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 2

America's rapid industrial progress during the last thirty years of the nineteenth century was possible largely because "the United States already had the prerequisites for such a transformation." How valid is Dennis Cashman's characterization of the astonishing transformation of the American economy between 1870 and 1900? **[25 marks]**

Question 3

According to Alan Brinkley, throughout the first half of the 19th century "the United States had generally annexed land adjacent to its existing boundaries into which American citizens could move relatively easily and which could ultimately become states of the Union" However, in the last decade of the century Americans became increasingly interested in expanding beyond their continental borders.

Discuss the variety of factors that motivated the United States to move into a new phase of expansionism at the end of the century. **[25 marks]**

Question 4

Discuss the sources that were responsible for the origins of the progressive movement in the United States at the beginning of the twentieth century **[25 marks]**

Question 5

Discuss the sequence of events that led to America's eventual involvement in World War I in April 1917. **[25 marks]**