

M.A. Examination, 2019
Semester-IV
History
Course : DSE-14
History of the USA, 1860-1945

Time : 3 Hours

Full Marks : 40

Questions are of equal value

Answer **any four** questions

1. Discuss the social and political causes of the American Civil War.
 2. Was the American Civil War a 'War of southern Independence' or the 'War of Rebellion'? Critically analyse this in the light of historical interpretations of the American Civil War.
 3. Describe the plans of reconstruction adopted by Presidents Abraham Lincoln and Andrew Johnson. What was the attitude of the Radical Republicans towards them?
 4. 'The United States witnessed a series of great economic changes, that were to revolutionise the life of the nation'. (H.B. Parkes) Explain this with special reference to the industrial growth, urbanization and transportation.
 5. What were the major socio-economic problems faced by the Americans during the Gilded Age?
 6. Write a note on the Progressive Movement in the United States during the early twentieth century.
 7. 'Woodrow Wilson's administration marks both the climax of an era of reform and the end of an era of relative peace? (H.M. Burke) Explain in this context the foreign policy of Wilson on the eve of the First World War.
 8. What led the United States to change its policy of neutrality towards the Allied powers during the Second World War? Why did Japan attack Pearl Harbour?
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