

THE NATIONAL UNIVERSITY OF IRELAND, GALWAY

2nd. ARTS EXAMINATIONS, 1999-2000

SEMESTER II

HISTORY

Course HI 259 : THE RISE OF MODERN AMERICA, 1865-1996

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Time Allowed : Two Hours

Answer One Question from each section

Answer Three Questions in total

SECTION ONE (Answer One Question)

1. How did African Americans cope with the erosion of their civil rights 1890-1917? Explain with reference to Booker T. Washington and W.E.B. Du Bois.
2. Analyze the main characteristics of the westward expansion of the United States in the period 1860-1890.
3. What was new about the "new immigration" in the period 1880-1920?
4. To what extent is it possible to say that the United States built a colonial "empire" in the period preceding World War One?

SECTION TWO (Answer One Question)

5. Account for the growth of right-wing sentiment in the 1920s.
6. What was 'new' in Roosevelt's New Deal?
7. What were the most important factors that led to American involvement in World War Two?
8. Account for the rise of Cold War policy in the United States after 1945.

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SECTION THREE (Answer One Question)

9. Discuss the achievements and limitations of the Civil Rights movement for the African-Americans.
10. Why did the United States become increasingly involved in Vietnam?
11. What made 1968 a momentous year in American history?
12. Why was the 1980s a right-wing decade in U.S. history?