



KENYATTA UNIVERSITY

UNIVERSITY EXAMINATIONS 2017/2018

SECOND SEMESTER EXAMINATION FOR THE DEGREE OF
BACHELOR OF ARTS AND BACHELOR OF EDUCATION (ARTS)

AHT 432: SELECTED THEMES IN THE HISTORY OF THE U.S.A. SINCE 1900

DATE: Tuesday, 17th July 2018

TIME: 4.30 p.m. - 6.30 p.m.

INSTRUCTIONS:

Answer any THREE questions.

1. With the help of concrete examples, explain why the period between 1900 and 1920 is often referred to as the 'Progressive Era'.
2. Outline the main events leading to the US interest and subsequent involvement in the First World War.
3. Why have American scholars described the 1920s as the 'roaring twenties'?
4. Discuss the principle causes of the Great Depression in the United States.
5. Analyse the fundamental pillars of the New Deal.
6. Why did the U.S join World War II?
7. Using specific examples from various parts of the world, demonstrate why the post World War II period is often described as the 'Cold War Era'.
8. Assess the successes and failures of the civil rights movement in the United States of America.