

## **Question Bank for BA Hons. History VI Sem.**

### **Paper: History of United States of America: From Reconstruction to New Age Politics**

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1. Reconstruction- reconstruction programme in the Southern America. Was it a 'splendid failure' and 'a national disgrace'? Role of carpet baggers, scalawags, blacks, Ku Klux Klan.
2. Growth of capitalism and the rise of big business- varied patterns of business monopolism in the late 19<sup>th</sup> century America and the response it evoked. Vertical and horizontal expansion. State's policies and its consequences.
3. Labour movements- political programmes, success and failure of labour movements in post Bellum America.
4. Rise and impact of the populist movement in view of the increasing agrarian discontent.
5. Progressive movement- what is it? Role of muckrakers; Different phases of urban reforms; nature, success and the failure of progressive movement.
6. The new deal- Why it was needed? 'Economic experimentation' or 'economic planning'?
7. Gender roles- contribution of Lowell women workers in developing a sense of labour unionism. The ten hours movements in the 1840s. Public women in the 19<sup>th</sup> century America, their contribution in redefining womanhood.
8. The black leadership- contribution of Booker T. Washington, W.E.B. Dubois, N.A.A.C.P. and Marcus Garvey and Malcolm X. contribution of Martin Luther King Jr. in the civil rights movement in America.
9. American imperialism- Spanish American war of 1898; reasons for USA's entry into World War I; USA policies in East Asia and Latin America.
10. Origins of the Cold War with reference to the security interests and ideological conflicts. Effects of anti- communist crusades in American policies and culture.