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**SEMESTER I FINAL EXAMINATION
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**COURSE NAME : HISTORY OF SWAZILAND FROM EARLIEST
TIMES TO 1900.**

COURSE CODE : H211

TIME ALLOWED : 2 HRS

**INSTRUCTIONS : 1. CHOOSE AND ANSWER TWO (2) QUESTIONS
2. ALL QUESTIONS CARRY EQUAL MARKS
3. WRITE YOUR PROGRAMME ON THE COVER
OF THE ANSWER BOOKLET.**

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QUESTION 1

“Sobhuza I and the Ngwane were threatened by the Ndwadwe of Zwide while at the Pongola valley.” State three reasons which made Zwide to make threats on Sobhuza, then discuss the survival strategies employed by Sobhuza I from the time he was threatened by Zwide up to 1819.

QUESTION 2

“Succession to the throne has never been a peaceful transition in the political life of the Swazi people.” Discuss this statement from the political upheavals that occurred; before Sobhuza I died; during the early years of the reign of Mswati II and after the death of Mswati II.

QUESTION 3

Compare and contrast the conquest carried out by Sobhuza I and that of Mswati II. For each case state the clans they conquered and then discuss strategies each used to strengthen their hold on the conquered territories.

QUESTION 4

King Mbandzeni has been blamed by some writers for having ‘sold’ much of the land of the Swazis to white concessionaires. Discuss this matter basing it on the; nature and the manner at which the whites sought the concessions; the understanding Mbandzeni had on the whole issue of the concessions; the role played by the royal advisors; the appointment of Offy Shepstone and his actions.

QUESTION 5

Analyse the conditions that prevailed in Swaziland which led to the Three Swaziland Conventions. How far were these Conventions a success?