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FINAL EXAMINATION PAPER, DECEMBER 2015

TITLE OF PAPER: ECONOMY AND SOCIETY IN SOUTHERN AFRICA TO THE SOUTH
AFRICAN WAR

COURSE CODE: H411/ IDE H411

TIME ALLOWED: TWO (2) HOURS

INSTRUCTIONS: 1. ANSWER TWO QUESTIONS.
2. ALL QUESTIONS CARRY EQUAL MARKS.

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1. EITHER (a) Discuss the advantages and disadvantages of liberal historiography, nationalist historiography, neo- Marxist historiography and feminist historiography.

OR

(b) Give a critical analysis of Ian Phimister's (1979) and Balam Nyeko's (1997) presentation of historiography in Zimbabwe and Swaziland respectively.

2. EITHER (a) Discuss changes in the ways Hilda Kuper (1962), Margaret Kinsman (1983), Elizabeth Eldredge (1993), and Elizabeth Schmidt (1992) have conceptualized and used the concept 'gender' in their presentation of the economic relations in pre- capitalist economies of Southern Africa.

OR

(b) How did Manelisi Genge conceptualise and use "gender", in his presentation of Queen Labotsibeni Gwamile Mduli's political career up to 1902?

3. EITHER (a) Give a critical analysis of the ways in which slaves were recruited, used and treated at the Cape Lodge up to 1810.

OR

(b) "Androcentricism". Comment on the validity of this statement with reference to Allen Isaacman's (1972) and Allen Isaacman's and Barbara Isaacman's (2002) presentation of the ways in which the Chikunda slaves were recruited and used by the Portuguese in Mozambique.

4. Compare and contrast Carolynne Hamilton's (1995) and Elizabeth Eldredge's (1995) views on the causes of the Mfecane.
5. EITHER (a) To what extent did external political and economic factors contribute towards the centralization of capital in **either** the gold mining industry **or** the diamond mining industry in South Africa between up to 1902?

OR

(b) "One feature of the mining sector has been that the direction and course of our railways has been determined not so much by the agricultural features and the agricultural requirements of the country as by the pressing necessities of getting the quickest possible route first to the diamond fields and afterwards to the gold fields". Do you agree with this opinion over the construction of railways in South Africa up to 1902?

6. Critically analyse the long- term and short- term causes of the Great South African War (1899- 1902).

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