

UNIVERSITY OF SWAZILAND
DEPARTMENT OF HISTORY

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TITLE OF PAPER: Early East African History to Colonialism

COURSE CODE: H416

TIME ALLOWED: Two (2) Hours

Instructions: Answer any two (2) Questions. All Questions carry equal marks.

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1. How convincing are the Hamitic and diffusionist theories that the great civilisations of Africa, in the shape of kingdoms and empires, owe their origin to non-black African peoples?
2. What is the relationship between geography and the settlement patterns of the people of East Africa in early historic times? Give details.
3. Analyse the coastal civilisations that flourished along the East African coast before the arrival of Europeans.
4. Critically evaluate the Maji Maji rebellion from the African and the European perspectives.
5. How and why did Germany ultimately colonise Tanganyika?