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TITLE OF PAPER: THEMES IN PRECOLONIAL HISTORY OF SWAZILAND

COURSE CODE: H611/HIS603

TIME ALLOWED: THREE (3) HOURS

INSTRUCTIONS: 1. ANSWER ANY THREE (3) QUESTIONS
2. ALL QUESTIONS CARRY EQUAL MARKS

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1. Give a critical analysis of J. Masson's (2011) use of rock art to retrieve the pre-history of Swaziland.
2. EITHER (a) Philip Bonner (1983; 4) states that his work on the history of Swaziland "falls squarely within the Africanist tradition". To what extent and with what epistemological implications do Hilda Kuper (1947), J. S. M. Matsebula (1972), and Philip Bonner (1983) engage the Africanist perspective in the ways they present the process of state formation in pre-colonial Swaziland up to 1836?

OR

3. (b) "From an androcentric perspective." Discuss the validity of this statement with reference to the manner in which Hilda Kuper (1947), J.S.M. Matsebula (1972), and Philip Bonner (1983) present the process of state consolidation in pre-colonial Swaziland between 1840 and 1868.
4. "A lineage mode of production". To what extent is this assertion an appropriate characterization of the mode of production in pre-colonial Swazi land? Support your views with three scholars' views.
5. EITHER (a) "A Eurocentric approach". Is this an appropriate characterization of the ways in which Hilda Kuper (1947), J.S.M. Matsebula (1972), Philip Bonner (1983), and Manelisi Genge (1999) present "gender" in pre-colonial Swaziland?

OR

- (b) "...though racial consciousness prevailed it did not necessarily translate to racism". Do you agree with Nhlanhla Dlamini's (2008) description of race in pre-colonial Swaziland up to 1889?
6. In portraying Queen Regent Tibati and Queen Mother, Labotsibeni Mduli as the loci of political power relations what does Manelisi Genge (1999) add on to Francis J. Mashasha's (1977) and Philip Bonner's (1983) interpretation of the disintegration of the Swazi state between the 1870s and 1889?

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