

UNIVERSITY OF SWAZILAND
DEPARTMENT OF HISTORY

First Semester Examination Paper, December 2015

TITLE OF PAPER: Introduction to the Study of History

COURSE CODE: HIS103

TIME ALLOWED: Two (2) Hours

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

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1. (a) How do various authors define history and what do you find as a common denominator in their different definitions of history? [13 marks]

(b) Differentiate between an academic historian and an amateur historian. [12 marks]

2. What do you understand by environmental history and why should it be the concern of historians?

3. Identify and analyse three characteristics of historical knowledge.

4. How would you convince a non-historian about the necessity of studying history?

5. What do you understand by the colonial and the post colonial periods in African history?