

**UNIVERSITY OF SWAZILAND**  
**DEPARTMENT OF HISTORY**

**First Semester Examination Paper, December 2016**

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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PERMISSION**

1. With the use of specific examples, differentiate an academic historian from an amateur historian. [25marks]
2. What do you understand by the following periods in African history:  
The pre-historic. [10 marks]  
The era of African state formation and glory. [10marks]  
The era of encounter with Europeans. [5marks]
3. How useful is oral tradition and archaeology in the reconstruction of African history? [25 marks]
4. Examine the assertion that historical knowledge should be:  
evolutionary and chronological in nature; restricted to the past; and  
evidence-based [25 marks]
5. Why is the study of history so important to humankind?