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**SEMESTER 1 MAIN EXAMINATION PAPER**  
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**COURSE NAME : HISTORY OF SWAZILAND FROM EARLIEST TIMES TO 1900.**

**COURSE CODE : H211/HIS211**

**TIME ALLOWED : 2 HOURS**

**INSTRUCTIONS : 1. CHOOSE AND ANSWER TWO (2) QUESTIONS.**  
**2. ALL QUESTIONS CARRY EQUAL MARKS (25)**  
**3. WRITE YOUR PROGRAMME ON THE COVER PAGE OF**  
**THE ANSWER BOOKLET.**

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**THE INVIGILATOR.**

Choose and answer two questions from the following. Each question is worth 25 marks.

**QUESTION 1**

"The land which the Ngwane settled in during the late eighteenth century was ideally suited to their mixed agricultural and pastoral way of life." (P. Bonner, *Kings, Commoners and Concessionaires: The evolution and dissolution of the nineteenth-century Swazi state*, 2002: 14)

Describe all the other benefits enjoyed by the Ngwane in their land which made Zwide want to destroy them and possess it. Then state two other reasons not connected to the land issue which made Zwide wish to destroy the Ngwane.

**QUESTION 2**

As King Sobhuza I and the Ngwane fled from the Ndwandwe invasions they passed certain areas and came into contact with people there. Explain what happened at these places: (a) Shiselweni, (b) KaPhungalegazi, (c) Mahlanya (d) Ncabaneni (e) Mdzimba.

**QUESTION 3**

Describe how King Sobhuza I carried out his territorial conquest from Shiselweni to Mdzimba. In each case show clearly the strategies used during the confrontation.

**QUESTION 4**

Discuss the 'succession confusion' which occurred among the Ngwane before King Sobhuza I died. Then describe the rebellion staged by Prince Malambule during the reign of King Mswati II.

**QUESTION 5**

Explain how King Mswati II continued the territorial expansion started by his father and state two strategies he used to protect the already conquered territory.