

UNIVERSITY OF SWAZILAND
DEPARTMENT OF HISTORY

First Semester Examination Paper, December 2017

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.

Question 1

Differentiate between an academic historian and an amateur historian (25 marks)

Question 2

What distinguishes history from the other disciplines in the Humanities and Social Sciences? (25 marks)

Question 3

Critically examine the Marxist periodization of History and explain how relevant it is today. (25 marks)

Question 4

Critically examine what was 'glorious' in African History during the period of state formation? (25 marks)

Question 5

Analyse the strength and weaknesses of following sources of African History

(A) Oral Sources (15 marks)

(B) Written Sources (10 marks)