UNIVERSITY OF SWAZILAND

FACULTY OF SOCIAL SCIENCE

DEPARTMENT OF LAW

RE-SEAT EXAMINATION JULY 2017

TITLE OF PAPER:

CONSTITUTIONAL LAW

COURSE CODE:

LAW 104

TIME ALLOWED:

THREE (3) HOURS

INSTRUCTIONS:

1. ANSWER FOUR (4) QUESTION

2. ALL QUESTIONS CARRY EQUAL MARKS

DO NOT OPEN THIS PAPER UNTIL PERMISSION HAS BEEN GRANTED BY THE INVIGILATOR.

QUESTION ONE

In many ways but one, the case of *Thomas Bhekindlela Ngwenya v The Deputy Prime Minister* and *Another* changed Swaziland constitutional framework forever. Do you agree? Critically evaluate the validity of this statement. Support your answer with authorities.

[25 MARKS]

QUESTION TWO

The *tinkhundla* system of government is the epitome of the concept of separation of powers. Discuss how, if at all, the Constitution No.1/2005 reflects and applies the concept of separation of powers.

[25 MARKS]

QUESTION THREE

The Constitution of Swaziland, 2005 is the King's Proclamation reincarnate. Do you agree? Critically evaluate the validity of this statement. Support your answer with authorities.

[25 MARKS]

QUESTION FOUR

The Judicial Service Commission (JSC) is currently conducting impeachment proceedings of Judge Mpendulo Simelane. Discuss how impeachment proceedings of a judge ought to be carried out in line with constitutional provisions. How can the procedure of impeachment proceedings be enhanced?

[25 MARKS]

QUESTION FIVE

The doctrine of supremacy of the Constitution is anathema to the *tinkhundla* system of government and must be debunked as it is a foreign concept that seeks to usurp the powers of the revered Swazi monarchy. Critically assess the validity of this statement. Support your answer with authority where appropriate.

[25 MARKS]