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FINAL EXAMINATION PAPER MAY, 2005

TITLE OF PAPER : **HISTORIOGRAPHY AND RESEARCH METHODS**

COURSE CODE : **H300**

TIME ALLOWED : **THREE (3) HOURS**

INSTRUCTIONS : **ANSWER ANY FOUR QUESTIONS; CHOOSING AT
LEAST ONE (1) QUESTION FROM EACH
SECTION.**

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SECTION A**QUESTION 1**

Do you agree with the view that history is irredeemably subjective?

QUESTION 2

Explain the development of anthropological studies in Africa. Why should historians and anthropologists collaborate in the study of Africa?

QUESTION 3

Examine how nationalism affected African historiography.

QUESTION 4

HIV/AIDS is a global disease. Sub-Saharan Africa is experiencing its devastating impact. You are an advisor to the Minister of Health and Social Welfare in Swaziland. Write a research proposal indicating systematically the steps that need to be taken to construct an appropriate interventionist strategy to address the disease.

SECTION B**QUESTION 5**

Choose one of the following research methods and discuss its strengths and weaknesses in historical research:

- (a) Ethnographic research
- (b) Life history

QUESTION 6

Why is a course on Historiography and Research Methods useful in studying history at undergraduate level?

QUESTION 7

Discuss the major sources useful in studying African history since 1960.

QUESTION 8

Trace and discuss the development of history as an intellectual discipline in Africa.

END OF EXAMINATION