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TITLE OF PAPER : HISTORIOGRAPHY AND RESEARCH METHODS

COURSE CODE : H300

TIME ALLOWED : THREE (3) HOURS

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

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SECTION A**QUESTION 1**

What is the significance of studying cause and effect in history?

QUESTION 2

How do historians deal with the problems of objectivity and subjectivity?

QUESTION 3

Discuss major changes in the methods used to study African history since 1960.

QUESTION 4

Construct a research proposal on a historical topic of your choice.

SECTION B**QUESTION 5**

Define the following terms:

- (a) Historiography
- (b) Research Methodology
- (c) Primary sources
- (d) Oral Sources
- (e) Oral Traditions

QUESTION 6

Discuss how European colonialism affected research and teaching of African history.

QUESTION 7

Leroy Vail and Landeg white demonstrated that songs and poetry can be used to Swaziland Mozambican history. Assess the usefulness of their studies.

QUESTION 8

Examine the usefulness and limitations of multidisciplinary research.