

**UNIVERSITY OF SWAZILAND**  
**FACULTY OF HUMANITIES**  
**DEPARTMENT OF HISTORY**  
**FINAL EXAMINATION PAPER, MAY 2005**

**TITLE OF PAPER** : **ECONOMIC HISTORY OF SOUTHERN AFRICA**

**COURSE CODE** : **H400**

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

**INSTRUCTIONS** : **1. ANSWER FOUR (4) QUESTIONS, CHOOSING AT LEAST ONE (1) FROM EACH SECTION.**

**2. ALL QUESTIONS CARRY EQUAL MARKS.**

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**SECTION A****QUESTION 1**

What is meant by the liberal tradition in Southern African historiography? Give examples of the liberal historians in question.

**QUESTION 2**

How did ecological factors influence settlement patterns and economic relations among the Nguni of South East Africa between 1700 and 1840 A.D.?

**QUESTION 3**

Discuss the impact of the South African mining revolution on Southern Africa before 1920.

**QUESTION 4**

Assess the contribution of railways to the economic development of Southern Africa.

**SECTION B****QUESTION 5**

Why is the migrant labour theme important in Southern African history?

**QUESTION 6**

What were the effects of capitalist farming on African peasants in South Africa?

**QUESTION 7**

Examine the factors which influenced secondary industrialisation in South Africa in the 20<sup>th</sup> century.

**QUESTION 8**

Assess the role of Black trade unions in South African politics from the 1920s to the 1990s.