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TITLE OF PAPER

:

THEMES IN THE HISTORY OF SWAZILAND

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INSTRUCTIONS

1)

THREE (3) HOURS

ANSWER THREE (3) QUESTIONS.

2) ALL QUESTIONS CARRY EQUAL MARKS.

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FINAL GRADUATE EXAMINATION QUESTION PAPER IN HISTORY

QUESTION 1

Can the theories of physical and scientific determinism be used effectively to analyze settlement patterns of early Southern African inhabitants?

QUESTION 2

What were the similarities and dissimilarities in the domestic and foreign policies of Mbandzeni and Mswati II in their administration of their states?

QUESTION 3

To what extent has the theory of surplus labour been useful in analyzing cross-border labour migration from Swaziland to South Africa in the late 19th and early 20th centuries?

QUESTION 4

To what extent does the title of Francis Mashasha's doctorate thesis "Road to Colonialism" epitomize the introduction of colonial rule in Swaziland in the 19th century?

QUESTION 5

At the time of decolonization in Swaziland, as in other parts of the African continent, several political parties were formed to apply pressure on the colonial regime. What was the core of their messages?

QUESTION 6

Assess the contribution of the plantations to the economy of Swaziland in the 20th century.