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TITLE OF PAPER : **HISTORIOGRAPHY OF SOUTHERN AFRICA**

COURSE CODE : **H 502**

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

INSTRUCTIONS :
1. **ANSWER ANY THREE (3) QUESTIONS.**
2. **ALL QUESTIONS CARRY EQUAL MARKS.**

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QUESTION 1

Critically discuss the origins and nature of white domination at the Cape in South Africa between the 1650s and 1840s.

QUESTION 2

Explain how the armed liberation struggles in Southern Africa from the 1960s to the 1990s affected the historiography of Southern Africa.

QUESTION 3

Evaluate the debates on the Mfecane historiography.

QUESTION 4

Discuss circumstances in which an African working class emerged in Southern Africa from the 1890s to the 1960s.

QUESTION 5

Using examples from the labour history of Swaziland, South Africa, Zimbabwe and Zambia, assess the validity of the "labour aristocracy thesis" as postulated by G. Arrighi and J.S. Saul.

QUESTION 6

Critically examine the views of J.F.A. Ajayi in his statement that "colonialism was an episode in African History".

END OF EXAMINATION