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**FACULTY OF HUMANITIES**  
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**FINAL EXAMINATION PAPER MAY, 2006**

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

**COURSE CODE** : **H300**

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

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

**2. WRITE DOWN THE NUMBER AND QUESTION YOU HAVE CHOSEN TO ANSWER.**

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**SECTION A**

**QUESTION 1**

Examine five factors that have influenced the development of African historical studies since 1945.

**QUESTION 2**

Discuss how historians attempt to reduce bias in primary and secondary sources.

**QUESTION 3**

Why is it necessary to supplement colonial archives with oral sources when doing research on African colonial history?

**QUESTION 4**

Why should African historians and anthropologists collaborate in African studies.

**SECTION B**

**QUESTION 5**

What is the significance of a literature review in research? Discuss major aspects in research methodology in history.

**QUESTION 6**

Write a project proposal to a donor organisation seeking financial support for research on the problems of child sexual abuse in Swaziland.

**QUESTION 7**

- (a) Discuss advantages and disadvantages of the case study method for research in history.
- (b) What is an interview?
- (c) Discuss the advantages and disadvantages of interviews in an historical inquiry.

**QUESTION 8**

What are primary documents and why are they important in historical research.

**END OF EXAMINATION**