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TITLE OF PAPER: THEMES IN THE HISTORY OF SWAZILAND

COURSE CODE: H501

TIME ALLOWED: THREE (3) HOURS

INSTRUCTIONS: 1. ANSWER THREE (3) QUESTIONS

2. ALL QUESTIONS CARRY EQUAL MARKS.

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GRANTED BY THE INVIGILATOR.**

1. Discuss the relevance of the Ratzel and Huntington theories of physical and scientific determinism to the analysis of settlement patterns of the Swazi in Southern Africa.
2. Assess the strength of the factors that sustained the monarchies of Somhlolo and Mswati II in 19th century Swaziland in Southern Africa.
3. Was it the militarist nature of the state of Mswati II or other factors that enabled it to survive the invasions of other polities in Southern Africa?
4. Discuss the aspects of Mashasha's study "*Road to colonialism*" which epitomize the extent to which concessions facilitated the colonization of the Swazi state.
5. To what extent did political mobilization in Swaziland lead to the process of decolonization?
6. Analyze the post-independence political developments that led to the delivery of the national constitution to the nation in 2004.