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FINAL EXAMINATION PAPER, DECEMBER, 2008

TITLE OF PAPER : THEMES IN THE PRE-COLONIAL HISTORY OF SWAZILAND

COURSE CODE : H 511

TIME ALLOWED : TWO (2) HOURS

INSTRUCTIONS :

- 1. ANSWER ANY TWO (2) QUESTIONS.**
- 2. ALL QUESTIONS CARRY EQUAL MARKS.**

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QUESTION 1

Explain the factors in the historical retrieval/reconstruction of the history of illiterate people that favour the use of archaeological and oral rather than archival sources.

QUESTION 2

To what extent has witchcraft influenced political leadership at chiefdom and state levels in monarchical Swaziland?

QUESTION 3

Most of the early writers on historical development in Swaziland originated from Europe. To what extent have their interpretations varied from those of African writers? Give examples of the writers in each camp.

QUESTION 4

Like other communities on the African continent, the Swazi followed some system of trade however peculiar to them it might have been. Compare the nature of their early markets to those of other groups you have studied.