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FINAL EXAMINATION PAPER, DECEMBER, 2008

**TITLE OF PAPER : INTRODUCTION TO THE HISTORIOGRAPHY OF
SOUTHERN AFRICA**

COURSE CODE : H 513

TIME ALLOWED : TWO (2) HOURS

INSTRUCTIONS :

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

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QUESTION 1

What is historiography? Explain how anthropology has influenced the study of Southern African history.

QUESTION 2

Is historical objectivity possible? Explain carefully.

QUESTION 3

What are the comparative strengths and weaknesses in oral and written sources?

QUESTION 4

In what ways has the liberal - neo Marxist debate benefited the study of Southern African history?

QUESTION 5

Critically discuss the contribution made by any three of the following scholars to the study of history in Southern Africa;

- (a) G.M. Theal
- (b) W.M. Macmillan
- (c) C.W. de Kiwiet
- (d) Shula Marks
- (e) Terence Ranger