

UNIVERSITY OF SWAZILAND
SUPPLEMENTARY EXAMINATION, July 2011

TITLE OF PAPER: HISTORIOGRAPHY AND RESEARCH METHODS IN
HISTORY

COURSE CODE: H300

TIME ALLOWED: 3 HOURS

INSTRUCTIONS:

- Answer FOUR (4) questions, choosing at least one question from each section.
- All questions carry equal marks.

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GRANTED BY THE INVIGILATOR**

SECTION A

1. Evaluate the importance of the multidisciplinary approach to the recovery of the African past.
2. Examine the nature and utility of history in society.
3. Evaluate the contribution of Karl Marx to modern historiography.
4. Both the ecclesiastical writers and the philosopher, Emmanuel Kant, considered history “as progress” from different perspectives. Comment.

SECTION B

5. Why is historical research important? Discuss major aspects in research methodology in history.
6. How would you go about evaluating your sources in the process of undertaking historical research?
7. What are the advantages and disadvantages of interviews in an historical inquiry?
8. What is the significance of literature review in historical research?