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**First Semester Examination Paper, November 2013**

**TITLE OF PAPER: Research Methods in History**

**COURSE CODE: H610**

**TIME ALLOWED: Three (3) Hours**

**Instructions: Answer any *three (3)* Questions**

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GRANTED PERMISSION**

1. Critically evaluate the sources of pre-colonial and colonial Eastern and Southern African history.

2. What is the importance of Literature Review to a researcher and what is its relationship to the Statement of the Research Problem?

3. (a) Consider the contribution of Oral Tradition and Oral History in the reconstruction of the African past.

(b) What are the strengths and shortcomings of the use of Oral Sources in historical writing?

4. With reference to specific authors of the African past, how can a useful differentiation be made between an 'amateur historian' and a 'professional historian'?

5. (a) Evaluate the typology of archives in Swaziland and the importance of the time period for declassifying archival holdings.

(b) What must a researcher do before, during and after archival research?