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**SEMESTER 1 FINAL EXAMINATION PAPER  
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**COURSE NAME : HISTORY OF SWAZILAND FROM EARLIEST TIMES  
TO 1900**

**COURSE CODE : HIS211 (FULLTIME STUDENTS)**

**TIME ALLOWED : 2 HRS**

**INSTRUCTIONS : 1. CHOOSE AND ANSWER TWO (2) QUESTIONS.  
2. ALL QUESTIONS CARRY EQUAL MARKS (25)  
3. WRITE YOUR PROGRAMME ON THE COVER OF  
THE ANSWER BOOKLET.**

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GRANTED BY THE INVIGILATOR.**

Choose and answer two (2) questions from the following. Each question is worth 25 marks.

### QUESTION 1

' P.Bonner ( 1983:14 ) raises a number of factors contributing to political upheaval in Nguniland in the late 18<sup>th</sup> century' Discuss any three of these factors which led to the conflict between King Sobhuza I and Zwide. Then state one peaceful attempt made by King Sobhuza I to try and appease Zwide.

### QUESTION 2

"Rather than fight against the Ndwande (sic), Sobhuza moved Northward with his group..." (Kuper, 1963:7).

With an aid of the current map of Swaziland, trace this northward flight of the Ngwane. In your discussion state clearly what happened in each of the following areas: (a) Shiselweni (b) kaPhungalegazi (c) Nqabaneni (d) Mdzimba.

### QUESTION 3

Demonstrate how King Sobhuza I used various strategies to subdue the following groups during his territorial conquest between 1819 and the early 1830s: (a) The Maseko of Mgazi (b) Magagula of Mnjoli (c) Mnjoli's son Dvokolwako

### QUESTION 4

#### EITHER

(A) Analyse the 'succession confusion' which occurred during King Sobhuza I's illness, then use **either** Malambule **or** Somcuba's rebellion to show how the princes rejected Mavuso as their father's successor.

#### OR

(B) "By the early 1850s Mswati thought that his position both internal and external was sufficiently secured...His objectives were now to use his growing military capability to extend Dlamini authority to other clans" (H.M. Jones, 1993: 156).

Basing your response on Jones' report, explain how King Mswati II's regiments subdued the following clans in the Lubombo Range: (a) Maziya/ Mahlalela of Ngubane (b) Sifundza of Mbandzamane (c) Gamedze of Mavubalana

### QUESTION 5

Analyse Lawyer F.J. Rubie's Report on the concession situation in Swaziland. How was Lord Selborne's 1907 Land Partition Proclamation unfair to the Swazis when comparing it to Rubie's report?