

**UNIVERSITY OF SWAZILAND  
DEPARTMENT OF HISTORY**

**First Semester Examination Paper, December 2017**

TITLE OF PAPER: Early East African History to Colonialism  
COURSE CODE: H416  
TIME ALLOWED: Two (2) Hours

Instructions: Answer any two (2) Questions. All Questions carry equal marks.

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Question 1

- (a) What is the difference between centralized and decentralized political institutions in East Africa? (10marks)
- (b) Critically examine one of the East African centralized political institution that existed before the arrival of Europeans.(20 marks)

Question 2

- (a) Explain how the unification of Germany contributed to the colonization of Tanganyika. (15 marks)
- (b) What was the reaction of the Tanganyika people towards German invasion? (15 marks)

Question 3

- (a) Explain how the Greek sailors' guide called "The Periplus of the Erythrean Sea" helps us understand the history of the Swahili civilization (10 marks)
- (b) Critically examine the salient characteristics of the Swahili civilization (20 marks)

Question 4

- (a) Critically examine the internal social and political situation in Uganda which facilitated British to take-over of the territory (15 marks)
- (b) Explain the reactions of the Ugandan people to the presence of the British in their territory (15 marks)

Question 5

How and why did Britain colonize Kenya? (30 marks)