

**University of Eswatini**  
**Faculty of Humanities**  
**Department of History**  
**Semester 1 Examination Paper**  
**December 2018**

**Course name: Topics in world history to 1500**

**Course Code: H 101/His 101**

**Time Allowed: 2 Hours**

**Instructions:**

- 1. Choose and answer two (2) questions**
- 2. All questions carry equal marks [25]**
- 3. Write your programme on the cover page of the answer booklet**

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1. Account for the five evolutionary stages of mankind showing the distinct physical and mental traits of each of the stages of development.
2. The Neolithic revolution is viewed by most scholars as having provided the necessary breakthrough to mankind's ancient civilisations. Do you agree?
3. Critically account for the failure of the Khoisan, regardless of the superiority of numbers, to dislodge the Dutch who were encroaching on their land following the establishment of the DEIC half way station at the Cape.
4. Provide a comprehensive analysis of the reasons why the civilisation of Great Zimbabwe has been a subject of much debate among scholars and state whether the matter has been resolved.
5. Polytheism appears to have been a common factor when analysing and comparing ancient civilisations. How far do you agree with this statement?