

**University of Eswatini**  
**Faculty of Humanities**  
**Department of History**  
**1st Semester Main paper**

**Course Code: History of Swaziland to 1900**

**Course Code: His 211**

**Time : 2 Hours**

**Instructions**

**Choose any two (2) questions**

**All questions carry equal marks [25]**

**Write your programme on the cover page of the answer booklet**

**Indicate whether you are full time or part time**

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1. Explain why, in your informed view, the historiographical context is of paramount importance for students taking course HIS211 [25]
2. Critically examine the contention that the existence of both the Ndwandwe and Zulu polities had a major influence in shaping both the domestic and foreign policies of king Sobhuza I [25]
3. Assess the view that Thandile (LaZidze) was the main pillar behind the success of her son Mswati II in gaining a good grip of political control of the country between 1840 and 1855. [25]
4. Critically show how the challenges King Mbandzeni faced had a corrosive effect on the reign of King Bhunu. [25]
5. Explain why LaBotsibeni came to be described as an indomitable, shrewd and a hard nut to crack for the forces that sought to destroy her country in the 1890s to 1900. [25]