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FACULTY OF HUMANITIES

DEPARTMENT OF HISTORY

FINAL EXAMINATION PAPER, FEBRUARY 2021

TITLE OF PAPER: THE INTRODUCTION TO THE STUDY OF HISTORY

COURSE CODE: HIS103/IDEHIS103

TIME ALLOWED: TWO HOURS

**INSTRUCTIONS: 1. ANSWER TWO QUESTIONS
2. ALL QUESTIONS CARRY EQUAL MARKS**

**DO NOT OPEN QUESTION PAPER UNTIL PERMISSION HAS BEEN GIVEN BY
THE INVIGILATOR**

1. How far do you agree that history is, by its nature:
 - (a) Partisan (8 marks)
 - (b) Evidence-based (8 marks)
 - (c) Always incomplete and fragmentary? (9 marks)
2. Evaluate the importance of the following historical sources in the reconstruction of the African past:
 - (a) Oral tradition (9 marks)
 - (b) Oral evidence (8 marks)
 - (c) Written sources (8 marks)
3. Why is the study of history so important to humankind? (25 marks)
4. What do you understand by “the Gregorian calendar” and why is it considered an important international instrument? (25 marks)
5. What do you understand by the pre-historic and colonial period of African history? (25 marks)