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**DEPARTMENT OF HISTORY**  
**MAIN EXAMINATION FEBRUARY, 2021**

**TITLE OF PAPER : Themes in the Pre-Colonial History of Swaziland**

**COURSE CODE : HIS 603**

**TIME ALLOWED : Three (3) Hours**

**INSTRUCTIONS : 1. Answer any three (3) questions**

**2. All questions carry equal marks**

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BY THE INVIGILATOR.**

1. Evaluate the value of historical sources that are used in reconstructing pre-colonial Swazi history. (25 marks)
2. Analyse Philip Bonner's argument on class, the mode of production and the state in pre-colonial Swaziland. (25 marks)
3. To what extent in your view, are Jeff Guy's views on women and cattle in Southern Africa, applicable to pre-colonial Swaziland? (25marks)
4. Compare the main features of the state during the reigns of Sobhuza I and Mswati II. (25 marks)
5. Explore the usefulness of race and class as analytical categories in understanding pre-colonial Swazi history. (25 marks)
6. To what extent do you consider the concessions to have contributed to the collapse of the pre- colonial Swazi state? (25 marks)