UNIVERSITY OF SWAZILAND FACULTY OF HUMANITIES DEPARTMENT OF HISTORY SUPPLEMENTARY EXAMINATION PAPER, JULY 2008

TITLE OF PAPER: HISTORY OF LATIN AMERICA

COURSE CODE : H305

TIME ALLOWED: THREE (3) HOURS

INSTRUCTIONS: 1. ANSWER FOUR (4) QUESTIONS IN ALL.

2. ANSWER AT LEAST ONE QUESTION

FROM EACH SECTION.

3. ALL QUESTIONS CARRY EQUAL MARKS

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SECTION A

QUESTION ONE

Using the concept of sedentarism, discuss how pre-colonial Amerindian societies were organized.

QUESTION TWO

Critically analyze the crucial factors, which led to the conquest and colonization of Peru and Mexico by the Spanish conquistadores.

QUESTION THREE

The Spanish settlers and colonial officials used the encomienda and repartimiento systems to mobilize labour in the 16th century. Discuss this assertion showing clearly how these systems worked.

QUESTION FOUR

Discuss the colonial economy of Portuguese Brazil.

SECTION B

QUESTION ONE

Critically analyze the role played by Father Hidalgo and Father Maria Morelos in the struggle for independence in Mexico.

QUESTION TWO

Discuss the growth of Caudillo rule in Spanish America showing how it shaped the 1st three decades of the Nationalist period.

OUESTION THREE

Analyze the factors behind the political instability and insecurity in the independent States of Latin America.

QUESTION FOUR

What were the factors that underlined the coming of the Mexican Revolution in 1910?