

UNIVERSITY OF SWAZILAND

SUPPLEMENTARY EXAMINATIONS, July 2010

TITLE OF PAPER: HISTORIOGRAPHY AND RESEARCH METHODS IN HISTORY

COURSE CODE: H300

TIME ALLOWED: 3 HOURS

INSTRUCTIONS:

- Answer FOUR (4) questions, choosing at least one question from each section.
- All questions carry equal marks.

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GRANTED BY THE INVIGILATOR**

SECTION A

1. What do you understand by partisanship in history? How can a historian endeavour to be objective?
2. Critically evaluate the contributions of archaeology in enriching African historiography.
3. Evaluate the value of (i) the Ecclesiastic School, (ii) the Enlightenment school and (iii) Romanticists to evolution of historical knowledge.
4. What are the merits and demerits of 19th century Rankean historiography?

SECTION B

5. Why is historical research important? Discuss major aspects in research methodology in history.
6. Analyse the value of archives in historical research.
7. What are the advantages and disadvantages of interviews in an historical inquiry?
8. What is the significance of a literature review in historical research?