

**University of Swaziland  
Institute of Postgraduate Studies  
Department of History  
Final Examination Paper, May 2010**

**TITLE OF PAPER: GENDER AND SOCIETY IN AFRICA**

**COURSE CODE: H 523**

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

**INSTRUCTIONS:**

- 1. ANSWER ANY TWO (2) QUESTIONS.**
- 2. ALL QUESTIONS CARRY EQUAL MARKS**

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1. What is the importance of a gender analysis in studying historical processes in Africa? Illustrate your argument by discussing specific cases.
2. Discuss the various changes in the status of women and women's roles in Africa through the pre – colonial, colonial and post – colonial times.
3. Examine the impact of external concepts, methodologies and paradigms in the study of gender in Africa.
4. “In South African gender research, the subject of masculinity has recently become a central focus of research and writing”. In your view, how does this development contribute to the study of gender in Africa?
5. Analyse the relationship between gender activism and the study of gender in Africa.