

**UNIVERSITY OF SWAZILAND**  
**FINAL EXAMINATION, May 2011**

**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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**SECTION A**

1. Evaluate the strengths and weaknesses of oral sources in the reconstruction of the African past.
2. Examine the view that History is both an Art and a Science.
3. To what extent can Leopold Von Ranke be considered the father of modern historiography?
4. Critically evaluate the contributions of ecclesiastical writers to the development of historical knowledge.

**SECTION B**

5. Outline the key elements of a historical research proposal.
6. What are the main differences between quantitative and qualitative research methodologies?
7. Identify and discuss major ethical issues you would consider in the process of interviewing people for a research project.
8. Analyse the strengths and limitations of archives as sources for historical research.