

UNIVERSITY OF ESWATINI

FACULTY OF HUMANITIES

DEPARTMENT OF HISTORY

FIRST SEMESTER EXAMINATION PAPER, FEBRUARY 2021

**TITLE OF PAPER : INTRODUCTION TO THE HISTORIOGRAPHY OF
SOUTHERN AFRICA**

COURSE CODE : HIS605

DURATION : THREE (3) HOURS

INSTRUCTIONS : ANSWER ONLY THREE QUESTIONS

: ALL QUESTIONS CARRY [25] MARKS

**: NUMBER ALL YOUR QUESTIONS AND WRITE
DOWN THE ACTUAL QUESTION YOU ARE
ANSWERING**

**DO NOT OPEN THIS QUESTION PAPER UNTIL THE INVIGILATOR
HAS GRANTED PERMISSION**

QUESTION ONE

In what ways did Afrikaner nationalist historians differ from the colonial historians in their writing and interpretation of Southern African history? **[25 marks]**.

QUESTION TWO

Choose **any one** of the following scholars and assess his contribution to the historiography of southern Africa.

- a). G.M. Theal;
- b). F.A. van Jaarsveld;
- c). W.M. Macmillan;
- d). Leonard Thompson. **[25 marks]**.

QUESTION THREE

Demonstrate how liberal historiography differed from earlier historiographical traditions in its interpretation and analysis of southern African history. What role has been played by sources in the birth of the liberal interpretation in southern Africa? **[25 marks]**.

QUESTION FOUR

Analyze the contribution of radical scholars to the writing and interpretation of southern African history. What criticisms have scholars in this tradition leveled against the liberal school of thought. **[25 marks]**

QUESTION FIVE

Explore the origins and concerns of the African nationalist historiography in southern Africa. **[25 marks]**

QUESTION SIX

Critically examine the sources used by historians in the colonial and African nationalist historiographical traditions. Show the extent to which these sources have contributed to the difference in their writing and interpretation of southern African history. **[25 marks]**