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**HCHS117: THE HISTORY OF PRE-COLONIAL SOUTHERN AFRICA**

**EXAMINATION**

**TIME: 3 HOURS**

**INSTRUCTIONS**

**Answer any THREE questions. Each question carries 100 marks.**

- 1) Discuss the motives of the Portuguese in establishing the Prazo System in the Zambezi River Valley.
- 2) Examine the Socio-economic and political system of the any two pre-colonial states in Southern African.
- 3) Although Shaka was only one of many actors in this story of Mfecane, Zulu aggression was not the sole cause of the Mfecane. Assess the authenticity of this statement.
- 4) Examine the concessions and treaties that were signed leading to the gradual occupation of Zimbabwe by the European settlers
- 5) "The British occupation beginning in the nineteenth century was secured to further Britain's strategic-cum-mercantile preoccupations in India and east Asia" (Trapido, nd:46). Discuss the authenticity of this assertion with respect to the British interests in the Cape.

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