

NATIONAL UNIVERSITY OF LESOTHO

Department of Historical Studies

BA/B.Ed Examinations

HIS1301: Know Lesotho and Basotho

January 2024

Marks: 75

Time: 3 Hour s

Instructions

- Answer three questions. Each question carries 25 marks.
- Write short, clear, and well-punctuated sentences.
- Write continuously.
- Feel free to cry but do so silently.



Cry responsibly!



Giraffing is strictly prohibited in this test!

1. Critically discuss various political and socio-economic strategies Moshoeshe I used to band different people into a unified Basotho nation.
2. Differentiate between Liberal and Marxist scholarship in the historiography of Lesotho.
3. ‘*Khomo Molimo o nko e metsi*’. In relation to this Basotho proverb, analyse the centrality of cattle in the post-Lifaqane Basotho state.
4. ‘New teachings and New tensions’ (Gill, 1993). Critically discuss the relevance of this statement following Basotho’s interaction with the missionaries.

EITHER

5. Critically discuss how ‘land’ was the major bone of contention between Basotho and the Free State Boers following the Great Trek.

OR

6. Critically discuss the appropriateness of characterizing Lesotho as a ‘shrinking kingdom’ following the Great Trek.