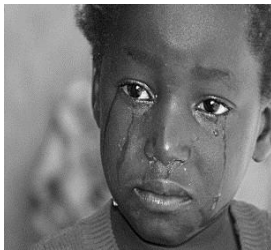


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HIS3305: Constitutional Development in Botswana, Lesotho and Eswatini
January 2024 **Marks: 75** **Time: 3 hours**

Instructions

- Answer any 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!

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1. Discuss the relevance of constitution, constitutionalism and constitutionality in the governance of the High Commission Territories (HCTs).
 2. Analyse the pre-colonial political dispensations in the Bechuanaland, Basutoland and Swaziland.
 3. Critically discuss the dictum of the Treaty of Vereeniging, which ultimately merged the two British colonies with the two Boer Republics.
 4. Analyse any three key considerations that were cited in justifying incorporation of the High Commission Territories (HCTs) into the Union of South Africa.
 5. In justifying his suspension of the independence constitution (Lancaster Constitution according to written constitution's typology), chief Leabua Jonathan indicated that a new constitution suited to the interests of Basotho would be drafted. To what extent was his decision a turning point in pioneering an autochthonous constitution in Lesotho.
 6. On attaining independence, critically discuss why Botswana became a republic while Swaziland became an absolute monarchy.