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- TITLE OF PAPER** : **CURRICULUM STUDIES IN AFRICAN LANGUAGES**
- COURSE CODE** : **EDC 273/573**
- STUDENTS** : **PGCE/B.ED**
- TIME** : **THREE (3) HOURS**
- INSTRUCTIONS** :
- 1. THIS QUESTION CONTAINS SIX (6) QUESTIONS.**
 - 2. ANSWER QUESTION ONE (1) AND THREE OTHER QUESTIONS.**
 - 3. EACH QUESTION CARRIES 25 MARKS.**

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QUESTION 1 (*This question is compulsory and must be answered by all candidates*)

There is a debate that has gone on for the past two decades among educators on whether or not Swazi students (at secondary school level) should be allowed to choose between siSwati and French or whether siSwati, as the mother tongue, should be one of compulsory subjects on the curriculum at this level. As a siSwati teacher identify and discuss five reasons why siSwati should be compulsory (at least for Swazi nationals) at this level of schooling. [25 marks]

QUESTION 2

- (a) Identify and discuss four reasons why pupils may feel inhibited from participating in class discussions. [20 marks]
- (b) What might a teacher do to ensure that all pupils participate. [5 marks]

QUESTION 3

Write short notes on two of the following types of discussion and, say how you would use each one of them in the teaching of siSwati:

- (a) Panel discussion
- (b) Buzz groups
- (c) Brainstorming

QUESTION 4

Identify and discuss three reasons why some societies have been forced to adopt and use a foreign language rather than their mother.

- (a) How do these reasons apply in present day Swaziland.
- (b) How would they help inform those responsible for the formulation of Swaziland's language policy?

QUESTION 5

Prepare a forty minute lesson in which you teach the following grammatical concepts. Justify your choice of teaching method:

- (i) Sicu (stem)
- (ii) Sivumelwano (concord)
- (iii) Umsuka (radical)

QUESTION 6

- (a) Describe the duties of the siSwati National Panel. [10 marks]
- (b) What are the recommendations of the siSwati National Panel with regard to the country's language policy. What is the basis for these recommendations. [15 marks]