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FINAL EXAMINATION PAPER, DECEMBER 2014

TITLE OF PAPER : CURRICULUM STUDIES IN AFRICAN
LANGUAGES

COURSE CODE : EDC 273/573

STUDENTS : PGCE

TIME ALLOWED : THREE (3) HOURS

INSTRUCTIONS: 1. THIS PAPER CONTAINS SIX (6) QUESTIONS

2. ANSWER QUESTION ONE (1) AND ANY
OTHER THREE QUESTIONS.

3. EACH QUESTION CARRIES 25 MARKS.

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THE INVIGILATOR

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

(a) What is the rationale for having siSwati and English as the official languages in Swaziland? (10 Marks)

(b) State the five functions of the siSwati Subject Panel. (5 Marks)

(c) Identify and discuss the functions of a language policy. (10 Marks)

Question 2

Write short notes on any two of the following types of discussion and, say how you would use each one of them in the teaching of siSwati:
(a) Debate
(b) Class Discussion
(c) Brainstorming (25 Marks)

Question 3

(a) Identify and discuss five advantages of using dramatization/the dramatic method in teaching siSwati. (15 Marks)

(b) Identify and discuss two ways by which a teacher may mitigate the limitations of using dramatization. (10 Marks)

Question 4

(a) Differentiate between general questions and probing questions and give an example of each type. (10 Marks)

(b) Identify and discuss three advantages of using discussion as a teaching method (any type of discussion) in mother tongue instruction. (15 Marks)

Question 5

The lecture method remains one of the most prevalently used methods in the siSwati classroom and yet it has been greatly criticized.

(i)   Discuss five of the criticisms that have been levelled against this method of teaching. (15 Marks)

(ii) Suggest ways in which the negative effects of using this method may be reduced. (10 Marks)

Question 6

(a) Identify and discuss three functions of the mother tongue. (15 Marks)

(b) Identify and discuss five advantages of using the project/research method in your siSwati class. (10 Marks)

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