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- TITLE OF PAPER** : **HISTORY OF LINGUISTICS: (WESTERN AND BANTU)**
- COURSE CODE** : **AL301/IDE-AL301**
- TIME ALLOWED** : **THREE (3) HOURS**
- INSTRUCTIONS** :
1. ANSWER FIVE (5) QUESTIONS IN ALL.
 2. ANSWER TWO (2) QUESTIONS FROM SECTION A AND THREE (3) QUESTIONS FROM SECTION B.
 3. ALL QUESTIONS HAVE EQUAL MARKS.
 4. LINGUISTIC EXPRESSIONS AND FORMALISMS SHOULD BE USED WHEREVER APPROPRIATE.
 5. MARKS WILL BE DEDUCTED FOR UNTIDY WORK, WRONG SPELLING AND UNGRAMMATICAL SENTENCES.
 6. ALL EXAMPLES SHOULD BE GLOSSED.

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SECTION A

WESTERN

QUESTION 1

- (a) Name three phases which the study of language and linguistics passed through before it was established as a true science.
- (b) State at least three weaknesses of each of the three phases you named in (a) above.

QUESTION 2

In which aspects of linguistic analysis was ancient Indian scholarship superior to that of Europe?

QUESTION 3

- (a) What two factors facilitated the linguistic transfer from Greek to Latin?
- (b) Briefly explain how linguistic studies were said to have been introduced into Rome.

QUESTION 4

- (a) Name the language types that Humboldt set up in this three-fold language typology.
- (b) What was the basis of the language typology referred to in (a) above?

QUESTION 5

Name three major schools of linguistics that are associated with the twentieth century.

SECTION B

BANTU

QUESTION 1

State four main weaknesses of the early recorders of Bantu words.

QUESTION 2

What are the contributions of each of the following to Bantu Linguistics.

- (a) Fr J. Torrend SJ
- (b) C. Meinhof
- (c) W. Bleek

QUESTION 3

Compare and contrast Doke's and Guthrie's classification of the Bantu Languages.

QUESTION 4

Name and describe five criteria used by Guthrie for identifying languages as Bantu.

QUESTION 5

In brief, critically discuss Brusciotto's classification of nouns in Kikongo.

QUESTION 6

Name five of the problems that comparative linguists have encountered in their application of the genetic classification of languages.