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TITLE OF PAPER : LINGUISTIC ANALYSIS OF THE MAIN LANGUAGE I

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TIME ALLOWED : TWO (2) HOURS

- INSTRUCTIONS :**
- 1. ANSWER THREE (3) QUESTIONS IN ALL.**
 - 2. ANSWER ONE QUESTION FROM EACH SECTION.**
 - 3. LINGUISTIC EXPRESSIONS AND FORMALISMS SHOULD BE USED WHEREVER APPROPRIATE.**
 - 4. MARKS WILL BE DEDUCTED FRO UNTIDY WORK, WRONG SPELLING AND UNGRAMMATICAL SENTENCES.**
 - 5. ALL EXAMPLES SHOULD BE GLOSSED.**

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SECTION A

THE NOUN

Answer only ONE Question from this Section

QUESTION 1

- a) i) Define a noun prefix. (2)
- ii) With the aid of examples, explain fully the function of a noun prefix. (5)
- b) With the aid of examples from siSwati, give both the basic and variant prefixes of the following classes (Meinhof's classification is used)
- i) Class 3
- ii) Class 6
- iii) Class 11 (3)
- c) Using examples from siSwati to illustrate your answer, discuss the distribution of the basic and variant prefixes you have identified in (b) above. (10)

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QUESTION 2

- a) What is meant by the term nominalization (2)
- b) Using each of the following verb stems form nominals that are (i) agentives (ii) objectives and (iii) action nominals.
- khetsa
- bhala
- pheka
- dlala (12)
- b) Using the nominals you have formed in (a), above, as examples, explain how each type of nominal is formed. (6)

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QUESTION 3

- a) With the aid of examples from siSwati, explain any four meanings associated with the diminutive in siSwati. (8)

- b) With the aid of examples from siSwati explain the morphophonological changes that take place when a noun with a bilabial in the last syllable is changed to a diminutive. (12)

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QUESTION 4

- a) With the aid of examples, define the term reduplication. (5)
- b) With the aid of examples discuss the reduplication that occurs with nouns in siSwati. (15)

[20 MARKS]

SECTION B

THE PRONOUN

Answer ONE Question from this Section

QUESTION 5

Give a table of the quantitative pronoun using the **numeral stems** and then explain how you have formed it.

[20 MARKS]

QUESTION 6

- a) Using Doke (1927) define the absolute pronoun (2)
- b) How is the absolute pronoun different from all the other pronouns (2)
- c) What is a stabilizer and why do you have a stabilizer in the absolute pronoun. (4)
- d) With the aid of examples explain the formation of the absolute pronoun in the following classes.
- i) class 1/ 2 singular (3)
 - ii) class 5/ 6 plural (3)
 - iii) 1st and 2nd person (6)

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QUESTION 7

- a) With the aid of examples, discuss the three positions indicated by the demonstrative pronoun (5)
- b) Give a table of the speaker proximal demonstrative pronoun and then indicate how you have formed it. (15)

[20 MARKS]

SECTION C

THE QUALIFICATIVE AND THE VERB

Answer ONE Question from this Section

QUESTION 8

- a) Using appropriate examples define a qualificative concord (2)
- b) Explain the similarities and differences between the adjectival concords and the relative concords. Use appropriate examples to illustrate your answers (6)
- c) Each of the qualificatives has unique stems. With the aid of examples explain what is unique with each of the following qualificative stems.
- i) adjectival stems
 - ii) relative stems
 - iii) enumerative stems
 - iv) possessive stems (8)
- d) From this list of stems, do the following: (i) identify the type of stem (ii) explain how you can tell what kind of stem each one of them is.

-khulu
-banti
-ncane
-ncama

(4)

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QUESTION 9

With the aid of examples from siSwati classify the verb radical on the basis of feature syllable and then explain the linguistic significance of this classification.

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QUESTION 10

- a) With the aid of examples explain any four different meanings associated with the possessive. (8)
- b) What is meant by the terms alineable and inalineable possessives (4)
- c) Tabulate the possessive formed from the absolute pronoun and explain how you have formed it. (8)

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QUESTION 11

- a) With the aid of examples identify, the applied extension (2)
- b) Discuss the three different meanings associated with the applied extension (6)
- c) With the aid of examples, discuss the four meanings associated with benefactive (8)
- d) Using appropriate examples, explain why the benefactive morpheme should be considered as a verb. (4)

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