

UNIVERSITY OF SWAZILAND

SUPPLEMENTARY EXAMINATION PAPER - JULY 2008

B.A DEGREE

**TITLE OF PAPER : LINGUISTIC ANALYSIS OF THE MAIN
LANGUAGE 111**

COURSE NUMBER: AL400/IDE-AL400

TIME ALLOWED: THREE (3) HOURS

- INSTRUCTIONS:**
1. ANSWER FOUR (4) QUESTIONS IN ALL
 2. ANSWER AT LEAST ONE QUESTION FROM EACH SECTION
 3. ANSWERS SHOULD BE ADEQUATELY ILLUSTRATED, BRIEF AND PRECISE.
 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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GRANTED**

SECTION A

THE VERB AND THE COPULATIVE

Answer at least ONE Question from this Section

QUESTION 1

- a) What do we mean by the term DOC? (5 marks)
- b) With the aid of examples from siSwati critically discuss any two of Hyman and Duranti (1982) parameters for determining object properties in Bantu languages. (20 marks)

[25 MARKS]

QUESTION 2

- a) Discuss the causative extension. (5 Marks)
- b) With the aid of examples from siSwati explain how the causative construction is derived. (20 Marks)

[25 MARKS]

QUESTION 3

Sibanda and Mthembu (1997) argue that the copulative is in complementary distribution with the verb.

- a) What is meant by the term complementary distribution (4 Marks)
- b) Prove that the verb and the copulative are indeed in complementary distribution (6 Marks)
- c) With the aid of examples explain fully how the copulative is derived from the locative and from the adverb of time. (15 Marks)

25 MARKS]

QUESTION 4

a) Consider the following sentence and then answer the Questions that follow;

Silwane sasisengeke sibe yingoti kimi.

- i) translate the sentence into English (2 marks)
 - ii) Identify the negative marker used in the sentence (1 mark)
 - iii) Identify the implication used and give it name (2 mark)
 - iv) Identify the tense (1 mark)
 - v) Identify the mood (1 mark)
 - vi) Rewrite the sentence, but this time use the exclusive implication (2 marks)
 - vii) Translate the sentence you wrote in (vi) above into English. (2 marks)
 - viii) Now change the sentence you wrote in (vi) above by making it positive (2 marks)
 - ix) Change the sentence given in (a) above and make it refer to the present tense, simple implication, positive (4 marks)
 - x) Translate the sentence you wrote in (ix) above into English (2 marks)
- b) Briefly explain why it is impossible to have the future tense in this mood. (6 marks)

[25 MARKS]

SECTION B

THE ADVERB, IDEOPHONE, CONJUNCTIVE AND INTERJECTIVE

Answer at Least ONE Question from this Section

QUESTION 5

There is a type of adverb which Sibanda and Mthembu (1997) describe as **sandiziso mbumbulu**.

- a) What does this term mean? (2 marks)
- b) What reason do they give for using such a name for this type of adverb? (3 marks)
- c) When do we use this type of adverb? (2 marks)
- d) Give a list of six of such adverbs. (3 marks)
- e) Using some of the adverbs you gave under (d) above explain how this type of adverb can be used to perform the following linguistic functions;
 - i) show illustration
 - ii) compare
 - iii) contrast (15 marks)

[25 MARKS]

QUESTION 6

Using two (2) examples in each case, discuss five (5) characteristics of onomatopoeic ideophones (tifutamsindvo and tifutasento) in siSwati

[25 MARKS]

QUESTION 7

- a) With the aid of examples explain the primitive and the derived conjunctives. (10 marks)
- b) With the aid of examples from your language explain the linguistic function of the conjunctive (especially the primitive ones). (15 Marks)

[25 MARKS]

QUESTION 8

- a) What is an interjective. Give appropriate illustrations (5 marks)
- b) Discuss fully the derivation of the interjective from the following:
- i) nouns denoting surnames
 - ii) nouns denoting names of people
 - iii) nouns denoting animals and other inanimate objects
 - iv) absolute pronoun
 - v) demonstrative pronoun (20 marks)

[25 MARKS]

SECTION C

MISCELLANEOUS

Answer at least ONE Question from this Section

QUESTION 9

Critically discuss the behaviorist approach to language acquisition.

[25 MARKS]

QUESTION 10

- a) What do we mean by syntactically based grammar? (5 marks)
- b) What do we mean by semantically based grammar (5 marks)
- c) With reference to Filmore, discuss case grammar, focusing mainly on how this grammar represents the deep and surface structures. (15 marks)

[25 MARKS]

QUESTION 11

Choose any five of the following and discuss them in terms of siSwati syntax. (Your discussion should involve defining the concept and explaining how it affects siSwati grammar)

- i) Case Frame Preservation Theory
- ii) Theta Theory
- iii) Predication Theory
- iv) Subcategorization
- v) Theta Marking
- vi) Uniformity Theta Assigning Hypothesis
- vii) Projection Principle
- viii) Trace Theory

[25 MARKS]