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FINAL EXAMINATION PAPER – MAY 2010

- TITLE OF PAPER:** **HISTORY OF LINGUISTICS
(WESTERN AND BANTU)**
- COURSE NUMBER:** **AL 301/IDE – AL 301**
- TIME ALLOWED:** **THREE (3) HOURS**
- INSTRUCTIONS:**
- 1) **ANSWER THREE (3) QUESTIONS IN ALL.**
 - 2) **ANSWER ONE (1) QUESTION FROM
SECTION A, ONE (1) QUESTION FROM
SECTION B AND ONE (1) QUESTION FROM
SECTION C. READ THE QUESTIONS
CAREFULLY BEFORE BEGINNING TO
WRITE.**

Section A

Answer EITHER Question 1 or Question 2.

Question 1

Choose 15 of the following and describe their relevance to the history of linguistics, either Western or Bantu. (4 marks apiece)

1. "Bemerkung über die Sprachen de Südafrikanischen wilden Völkerstämme"
2. *A Comparative Grammar of South African Languages*
3. *A Dictionary of the Swahili Language*
4. *A Systematic Vocabulary of the Kaffrarian Language*
5. A.E. Meeussen
6. Aelfric
7. Alcuin of York
8. Alexander of Villedieu
9. Alexander the Great
10. *al-Hamadâni Kitâb al-buldân*
11. *An Elementary Grammar of the Zulu-Kaffir Language*
12. Ancient Egypt
13. Andrew Battel
14. Apollonius Dyscolus
15. Arabic
16. Aristotle
17. *Astadhyāyī* (Eight Books)
18. August Schleicher
19. *Auraicept na nÉces*
20. Behaviourism
21. Byzantine Empire
22. Carl Meinhof
23. Charles V
24. *Comparative Grammar of the South-African Bantu Languages*
25. *Cratylus*
26. Dante Alighieri
27. De Barros
28. Diogo d'Alcaçova
29. Dionysius Thrax
30. Donatus
31. Duarte Barbosa
32. Edward Sapir
33. *English-Zulu Dictionary*
34. *Etudes Sur La Langue Sechuana* (Studies on the Tswana Language)
35. Etymology
36. Eugene Casalis
37. Father Andre Fernandez

38. Father Antoine de Tervelli
39. Father Cardoso
40. Father Georges de Gheel/Joris van Gheel
41. Father Gonçalo da Silveira
42. Father J. Torrend, S.J.
43. Father Monclaro
44. Father Pablo Dias, S.J.
45. Fathers Pacconio and Do Couto
46. Ferdinand de Saussure
47. Franz Boas
48. *Geographical Dictionary*
49. Giacinto Brusciotto
50. *Grammar of the Bechuana Language*
51. *Grammar of the Kaffir Language*
52. *Grundriss Einer Lautlehre der Bantu-Sprachen* (Introduction to the Phonology of the Bantu Languages)
53. Hamadâni
54. Hebrew
55. Heinrich Lichtenstein
56. Hellenistic Period
57. Hellenization
58. Ibn Rushd (Averroes)
59. Ibn Sina (Avicenna)

[60 marks]

Question 2

Choose 15 of the following and describe their relevance to the history of linguistics, either Western or Bantu. (4 marks apiece)

1. Isidore of Seville
2. Jakob Grimm
3. James Archbell
4. James Bryant
5. Jaqût
6. Johann Ludwig Krapf
7. Johann von Herder
8. John Bennie
9. John Colenso, Bishop of Natal
10. John W. Appleyard
11. Leonard Bloomfield
12. Linear B
13. *Mahābhāṣya* (Great commentary)
14. Mas`ûdi
15. Maximus Planudes

16. *Murûg ed-Dahab* (Golden Meadows)
17. Mycenaean Period
18. Noam Chomsky
19. *Outline of the Elements of the Kiswaheli Language*
20. Pānini
21. Patañjali
22. Peter of Spain/Petrus Hispanus/Pope John XXI
23. Philipo Pigafetta
24. Plato
25. Port Royal Grammarians
26. Priscian
27. Provençal Troubadour Poetry
28. Quintilian
29. Rasmus Kristian Rask
30. Roger Bacon
31. Roman Empire
32. Romance languages
33. Sanskrit
34. Sapir-Whorf Hypothesis
35. *significātiō*
36. Sir William Jones
37. Socrates
38. *Some Rules for the more easy Understanding of the most difficult Idiom of the People of the Congo, brought into the Form of a Grammar*
39. Speculative universalism
40. St. Jerome
41. St. Thomas Aquinas
42. Structuralism
43. *suppositiō*
44. *Téchnē grammatikē*
45. The First Grammarian
46. The *Iliad* and *Odyssey*
47. *The Kaffir Language; Comprising a Sketch of its History; Remarks upon its Nature and a Grammar*
48. The Stoics
49. The Venerable Bede
50. "The Zulu Language"
51. Thomas Herbert
52. *Three Native Accounts of the visit of the Bishop of Natal in September and October 1859, to Umpande, King of the Zulus*
53. *Travels in Southern Africa in the Years 1803, 1804 and 1806*
54. Uc Faidit
55. Ulfilas
56. Varro
57. Wilhem Heinrich Immanuel Bleek
58. Wilhem von Humboldt

59. William Boyce

[60 marks]

Section B

Answer EITHER Question 3 or Question 4.

Question 3

Describe isolating, agglutinative and flexional languages? Who coined these terms? Give one (1) example of each of these language types?

[20 marks]

Question 4

What is Grimm's Law? Who discovered it? Give two (2) examples of Grimm's Law from any language.

[20 marks]

Section C

Answer EITHER Question 5 or Question 6.

Question 5

Describe four (4) different ways of classifying languages and give an example of each. Which type of classification relies on the Comparative Method?

[20 marks]

Question 6

Name three (3) scholars who developed classifications of Bantu languages and explain the similarities and differences among their classifications.

[20 marks]

END OF QUESTION PAPER