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**SUPPLEMENTARY EXAMINATION PAPER – JULY 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 TEN (10) QUESTIONS IN ALL.
  - 2) ANSWER FIVE (5) QUESTIONS FROM SECTION A AND FIVE (5) QUESTIONS FROM SECTION B. READ THE QUESTIONS CAREFULLY BEFORE BEGINNING TO WRITE.

## **Section A**

Answer five (5) of the following questions (10 marks apiece)

### **Question 1**

State the difference between *langue* and *parole*. Who first coined these terms?

### **Question 2**

Describe four (4) different ways in which ancient Greek culture was transmitted to Western Europe.

### **Question 3**

Describe how Transformational-Generative Grammar differs from American Structuralism.

### **Question 4**

State the difference between *energeia* and *ergon*. Who coined these terms?

### **Question 5**

Discuss the opinions of the Stoics and Alexandrians on the issue of analogy and anomaly.

### **Question 6**

Describe why the ancient Greek philosophers thought that etymology was relevant to the question of the origin of language.

### **Question 7**

Who was Sir William Jones? Discuss his contribution to Western linguistics.

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**Section B**

Answer five (5) of the following questions (10 marks apiece)

**Question 8**

Give the full name of the scholar who is credited with first using the term “Bantu” linguistically. Why did s/he choose this term?

**Question 9**

What are the differences between the ethnological and linguistic uses of the term “Bantu”?

**Question 10**

Describe three motivations for the study of Bantu languages by westerners.

**Question 11**

Describe similarities and differences between Malcolm Guthrie’s and Joseph Greenberg’s classifications of Bantu languages.

**Question 12**

Construct a chart of Greenberg’s classification of African languages as completely as possible, highlighting the position of Bantu.

**Question 13**

Describe the contributions of the Angola Fathers to the study of Bantu languages.

**Question 14**

Describe the contributions of Carl Meinhof to the study of Bantu languages.

**END OF QUESTION PAPER**