

UNIVERSITY OF SWAZILAND

SUPPLEMENTARY EXAMINATION PAPER - MAY 2010

B.A DEGREE

TITLE OF PAPER : LINGUISTIC ANALYSIS OF THE MAIN
LANGUAGE 11I

COURSE NUMBER: AL400/IDE-AL400

TIME ALLOWED: THREE (3) HOURS

INSTRUCTIONS:

1. ANSWER FOUR (4) QUESTIONS IN ALL
2. ANSWER ONLY TWO QUESTION FROM EACH SECTION
3. LINGUISTIC EXPRESSIONS AND FORMALISMS SHOULD BE USED WHEREVER APPROPRIATE
4. MARKS WILL BE DEDUCTED FOR UNTIDY WORK, WRONG SPELLING AND UNGRAMMATICAL SENTENCES
5. ALL EXAMPLES SHOULD BE GLOSSED.

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SECTION A

THE VERB AND THE COPULATIVE

Answer Two Questions from this Section

QUESTION 1

The verb is the head of VP.

- a). With the aid of examples from your language, show that the verb satisfies the above argument. Also show that the verb has extra qualities that are not normally attributed to other heads. (5 marks)
- b). Discuss the syntactic classification of siSwati verb radical and show its linguistic significance. (20 marks)

[25 MARKS]

QUESTION 2

With the aid of examples, discuss fully how the causative construction is derived

[25 MARKS]

QUESTION 3

- a) Define the copulative (5 Marks)
- b) Using appropriate examples from siSwati, prove that the copulative is in complementary distribution with the verb. (5 Marks)
- c) Discuss fully the derivation of the copulative from the noun (15 Marks)

[25 MARKS]

QUESTION 4

- a) Using examples from siSwati, explain the following concepts.
 - i) simple implication
 - ii) exclusive implication
 - iii) progressive implication (9 Marks)
- b) Explain the difference both in structure and in meaning between the exclusive and the progressive implications (6 Marks)

- c) Using the verb *-dlala*, give a table of the participial mood, progressive implication of the present tense, negative, and then explain how you have formed it.

(10 Marks)

[25 MARKS]

SECTION B

THE ADVERB, THE IDEOPHONE, THE CONJUNCTIVE AND THE INTERJECTIVE

QUESTION 5

Discuss fully the derivation of the adverb of manner, showing its linguistic significance.

[25 MARKS]

QUESTION 6

- a) With the aid of appropriate examples define the copulative. (5 marks)
- b) Sibanda and Mthembu identify two different types of ideophones, the onomatopoeic (Tifutamsindvo and Tifutasento) and the descriptive (Tinongo.) With the aid of examples, discuss each of these types pointing out the differences between them. (10 marks)
- c) Discuss fully the characteristics of the onomatopoeic type of ideophones. (10 marks)

[25 MARKS]

QUESTION 7

- a) With the aid of examples, define a conjunctive (5 marks)
- b) Discuss fully the mechanism used by siSwati speakers to resolve gender conflict when conjoined nouns are used as Subject NPs. (20 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 (4 marks)
 - ii) nouns denoting names of people (4 marks)
 - iii) nouns denoting animals and other inanimate objects (4 marks)
 - iv) absolute pronoun (4 marks)
 - v) demonstrative pronoun (4 marks)

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