

UNIVERSITY OF SWAZILAND

SUPPLEMENTARY EXAMINATION PAPER: JULY 2011

B.A. DEGREE

TITLE OF PAPER: HISTORY OF LINGUISTICS

COURSE NUMBER: AL 301/IDE-AL301

TIME ALLOWED: THREE (3) HOURS

INSTRUCTIONS:

- 1. ANSWER FOUR (4) QUESTIONS IN ALL.**
- 2. CHOOSE TWO (2) QUESTIONS FROM SECTION A.**
- 3. CHOOSE TWO (2) QUESTIONS FROM SECTION B.**

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SECTION A: WESTERN

Choose two (2) questions from this section.

Question 1

Describe the contribution of any FIVE (5) of the following to the development of Western Linguistics.

1. Aristotle
2. Priscian
3. Patanjali
4. Petrus Ramus
5. William von Humboldt
6. Henry Sweet
7. Roger Bacon
8. Rasmus Rask
9. Roman Jakobson
10. Zellig Harris

[25 marks]

Question 2

What is Structuralism? How did it contribute to the development of Western linguistics?

[25 marks]

Question 3

Describe von Humboldt and Schlegel's morphological typology. Include one example of each type.

[25 marks]

Question 4

Describe how the Roman Empire contributed to the development of Western linguistics.

[25 marks]

SECTION B: BANTU

Choose two (2) questions from this section.

Question 5

- a) Draw family tree diagrams to represent Richard Lepsius's classification of African languages.
[10 marks]
- b) List ten of the characteristics which Lepsius followed in his classification of Bantu languages.
[15 marks]

[25 marks]

Question 6

With illustrations from any Bantu language, discuss the criteria proposed by Guthrie for identifying languages as belonging to the Bantu family.

[25 marks]

Question 7

The following scholars/recorders made significant contributions to Bantu linguistic studies. Give one major contribution made by each of them:

- a) Egyptian sources
- b) Father Andre Fernandez
- c) Father Pedro Dias, S.J.
- d) Giacinto Brusciotto
- e) John Bennie
- f) James Bryant
- g) Father Cardoso

[25 marks]

Question 8

Discuss the contributions made to Bantu linguistic studies by J. W. Appleyard.

[25 marks]

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