

**UNIVERSITY OF SWAZILAND**

**FINAL EXAMINATION PAPER: MAY 2012**

**B.A. DEGREE**

**TITLE OF PAPER: HISTORY OF LINGUISTICS: BANTU**

**COURSE NUMBER: AL 312/IDE-AL312**

**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

*Choose two (2) questions from this section.*

### **Question 1**

Describe the contribution of any five (5) of the following to the development of Bantu Linguistics.

1. Duarte Barbosa
2. Philipo Pigafetta
3. John Bennie
4. James Archbell
5. Eugène Casalis
6. Karl Richard Lepsius
7. Alice Werner
8. James C. Bryant
9. Andrew Battel
10. Ernst Westphal

[25 marks]

### **Question 2**

Who were the Angola Fathers? Name five (5) of them. Describe their reasons for studying Bantu languages. How are these reasons evident in the nature of the writings they produced in and about Bantu languages?

[25 marks]

### **Question 3**

Describe four (4) of Clement Martyn Doke's major morphological characteristics of southern Bantu languages, with the use of examples.

[25 marks]

### **Question 4**

Describe four (4) sources of the earliest likely records of Bantu languages. [25 marks]

## SECTION B

*Choose two (2) questions from this section.*

### **Question 5**

Choose five (5) of the following languages or language families. For each one, describe its genetic relationship, or lack thereof, to each of the other five, according to Greenberg's classification.

1. Khoisan
2. Hebrew
3. Yoruba
4. Maasai
5. Kiswahili
6. West Atlantic
7. Niger-Congo
8. Kwa
9. Bambara
10. Tiv

[25 marks]

### **Question 6**

With the use of examples, compare and contrast the system for numbering Bantu noun classes devised by Clement Martyn Doke with that of Carl Meinhof and Wilhelm H. Immanuel Bleek. Include at least one advantage and disadvantage of each.

[25 marks]

### **Question 7**

i) With the use of examples, describe Malcolm Guthrie's two (2) methods for identifying words in Bantu languages.

ii) Describe Malcolm Guthrie's three (3) methods of classifying Bantu languages.

[25 marks]

**Question 8**

In Giacinto Brusciotto's (1659) description of KiKongo, he uses the terms "articles" and "principiations". What aspects of Bantu grammar do these terms refer to in contemporary Bantu studies? Why did he use these terms? Brusciotto also referred to "declensions" and "cases". Why would he have thought to use these terms? Are they accurate as applied to Bantu? Why or why not?

[25 marks]

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