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SUPPLEMENTARY EXAMINATION PAPER: JULY 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. Thomas Herbert
2. A.E. Meeussen
3. Sir Harry Johnston
4. William Boyce
5. Father Antoine de Tervelli
6. Father Georges de Gheel
7. Father J. Torrend, S.J.
8. Johann Ludwig Krapf
9. Giacinto Brusciotto
10. John W. Colenso

[25 marks]

Question 2

With the use of examples, compare and contrast Malcolm Guthrie's system of classifying Bantu languages with that of Clement Martyn Doke.

[25 marks]

Question 3

Name three (3) authors writing in Arabic who contributed to the history of Bantu linguistics. Describe the nature of their contribution.

[25 marks]

Question 4

Describe the contributions of Portuguese sources in the 16th century to the study of Bantu languages, including the professions they followed, their motivations for investigating Bantu languages and the difficulties they faced.

[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. Congo-Kordofanian
2. Arabic
3. Egyptian
4. Mande
5. Adamawa-Eastern
6. Efik
7. Akan
8. Bantoid
9. Fur
10. Wolof

[25 marks]

Question 6

With illustrations from any Bantu language, discuss five (5) of the criteria proposed by Guthrie for identifying languages as belonging to the Bantu family.

[25 marks]

Question 7

Describe Joseph's Greenberg's three (3) principles of linguistic classification. Are these principles for a genetic classification or a typological classification. Justify your answer.

[25 marks]

Question 8

Identify five (5) authors of Zulu and Xhosa grammars and dictionaries in the 19th century and describe their work.

[25 marks]

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