

UNIVERSITY OF SWAZILAND

SUPPLEMENTARY EXAMINATION PAPER - JULY 2013

B.A DEGREE

TITLE OF PAPER : LINGUISTIC ANALYSIS OF THE MAIN LANGUAGE 111

COURSE NUMBER: AL410/IDE-AL410

TIME ALLOWED: THREE (3) HOURS

INSTRUCTIONS:

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

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SECTION A

THE VERB

*Answer any **TWO** Questions from this Section*

QUESTION 1

Classify the verb radical on the basis of feature syllable and then explain the linguistic significance of such a classification

[25 MARKS]

QUESTION 2

- a) What does the passive extension indicate? (5 marks)
- b) With the aid of examples from siSwati prove that the passive extension is an agent (20 marks)

[25 MARKS]

QUESTION 3

- a) With the aid of examples explain the three different meanings associated with the applied extension in siSwati (5 Marks)
- b) With the aid of examples explain the three meanings associated with the benefactive in siSwati (5 Marks)
- b) With the aid of examples critically evaluate Kunene's analysis of the benefactive extension (15 Marks)

[25 MARKS]

QUESTION 4

Using the verb stem **-hamba** tabulate a verbal conjugation from the first person to class 15 using; the indicative mood, remote past, exclusive implication, positive, and then explain how you have formed it.

[25 MARKS]

SECTION B

THE COPULATIVE

Answer any TWO Questions from this Section

QUESTION 5

Sibanda and Mthembu (1997) argue that the copulative is in complementary distribution with the verb.

- a) What is meant by the term complementary distribution (4 Marks)
- b) Prove that the verb and the copulative are indeed in complementary distribution (6 Marks)
- c) With the aid of examples explain fully how the copulative is derived from the locative and from the adverb of time. (15 Marks)

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QUESTION 6

- a) Consider the following sentence and then answer the Questions that follow;

Silwane sasisengeke sibe yingoti kimi.

- i) translate the sentence into English (2 marks)
 - ii) Identify the negative marker used in the sentence (1 mark)
 - iii) Identify the implication used and give it name (2 mark)
 - iv) Identify the tense (1 mark)
 - v) Identify the mood (1 mark)
 - vi) Rewrite the sentence, but this time use the exclusive implication (2 marks)
 - vii) Translate the sentence you wrote in (vi) above into English. (2 marks)
 - viii) Now change the sentence you wrote in (vi) above by making it positive (2 marks)
 - ix) Change the sentence given in (a) above and make it refer to the present tense, simple implication, positive (4 marks)
 - x) Translate the sentence you wrote in (ix) above into English (2 marks)
- b) Briefly explain why it is impossible to have the future tense in this mood. (6 marks)

[25 MARKS]

QUESTION 7

With the aid of examples discuss fully the derivation of the copulative from the following

- a) absolute pronoun
- b) locative
- c) quantitative pronoun
- d) adjective

[25 MARKS]