

UNIVERSITY OF SWAZILAND

FINAL EXAMINATION PAPER - MAY 2013

B.A DEGREE

TITLE OF PAPER : LINGUISTIC ANALYSIS OF THE MAIN LANGUAGE 1V

COURSE NUMBER: AL411/IDE-AL411

TIME ALLOWED: THREE (3) HOURS

INSTRUCTIONS:

1. ANSWER FOUR (4) QUESTIONS IN ALL
2. ANSWER TWO QUESTIONS 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

Answer TWO Questions from this Section

QUESTION 1

- a) The Locative inversion can be derived by using different formatives. With the aid of examples discuss any three of these formatives showing how they differ from each other in terms of structure and use. (6 marks)
- b) Explain fully how the locative is derived from the following:
- i) nouns of class 1a (5 marks)
 - ii) quantitative pronoun (4 marks)
 - iii) the relative derived from verbs (5 marks)
 - iv) nouns from class 3 to 15 (5 marks)

[25 MARKS]

QUESTION 2

- a) Define an ideophone (3 marks)
- b) Sihlatiya Siswati differentiates between ideophones that imitate sounds and action (tifuta) from those that are descriptive (tinongo). With the aid of examples discuss five characteristics of the ideophones that imitate sounds and action. (10 marks)
- c) With the aid of examples discuss any three similarities between the ideophone and the interjective in siSwati. (12 marks)

[25 MARKS]

QUESTION 3

- a) With the aid of examples, discuss five different ways in which the conjunctive is used in sentence construction in siSwati (20 marks)
- b) Discuss fully the two types of conjunctives in siSwati (primitive versus the derived) (5 marks)

[25 MARKS]

QUESTION 4

- a) With the aid of examples define the vocative. (5 marks)
- b) With the aid of examples discuss any five use and significance of the vocatives (15 marks)
- c) Discuss the similarities between the interjective and the imperative in siSwati. Illustrate your answers with appropriate examples. (5 marks)

[25 MARKS]

SECTION B

Answer **TWO** Questions from this Section.

QUESTION 5

Discuss the behaviourist versus nativist controversy with regards to language acquisition

[25 MARKS]

QUESTION 6

With reference to Prideaux (1985) discuss at least four major concerns of syntax.

[25 MARKS]

QUESTION 7

- a) What is case grammar? (5 marks)
- b) With the aid of examples from English, discuss three criticisms leveled against syntactically based grammars. (5 marks)
- c) With the help of appropriate tree structure diagrams discuss fully Fillmore's case grammar. (15 marks)

[25 MARKS]

QUESTION 8

Discuss fully the structure, use and significance of the **Wh-type** of questions in siSwati.

[25 MARKS]