

UNIVERSITY OF SWAZILAND

SUPPLEMENTARY EXAMINATION PAPER - JULY 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) With the aid of examples define the adverb (5 marks)
- b) Sihlatiya SiSwati (1996) outlines four different types of adverbs. With reference to siSwati explain each of these adverbs (12 marks)
- c) With reference to siSwati explain the derivation of adverbs from proper nouns denoting
- i) Names of people (2 marks)
 - ii) Names of rivers (2 marks)
 - iii) Names of mountains (2 marks)
 - iv) Names of areas and towns (2 marks)

[25 MARKS]

QUESTION 2

Discuss fully how the ideophone violates the phonological rules of siSwati language.
Give appropriate examples.

[25 MARKS]

QUESTION 3

- a) With the aid of examples define the two types of conjunctives (5 Marks)
- b) Discuss fully the use and significance of the derived conjunctives (20 Marks)

QUESTION 4

- a) What is an interjective. Give appropriate illustrations (5 marks)
- b) Discuss fully the derivation of the interjective from the following:
- i) nouns denoting surnames (4 marks)
 - ii) nouns denoting names of people (4 marks)
 - iii) nouns denoting animals and other inanimate objects (4 marks)
 - iv) absolute pronoun (4 marks)
 - v) demonstrative pronoun (4 marks)

[25 MARKS]

SECTION B

Answer Two Questions from this Section.

QUESTION 5

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

[25 MARKS]

QUESTION 6

Discuss the structure, use and significance of the YES/NO inversion and the TAG question in siSwati.

[25 MARKS]

QUESTION 7

- a) What is meant by syntactically based grammar, give appropriate examples (5 Marks)
- b) What is meant by semantically based grammar, illustrate your answer with examples (5 Marks)
- c) Using appropriate illustrations give Filmore's Deep structure of sentences (5 marks)
- d) Explain how case languages and those that rely on word order would draw their surface structure from Filmore's Deep Structure presented in (c) above. (10 marks)

[25 MARKS]

QUESTION 8

- a) With appropriate examples discuss the following concepts with regards to child language acquisition.
 - i) symbol
 - ii) index
 - iii) icon
 - iv) images
 - v) sign(10 marks)

- b) With the aid of examples discuss fully any three of the following semantic theories in relation to the semantic development in child language acquisition.
 - i) Associationist theory
 - ii) Categorical or semantic feature theory
 - iii) Cognitive theory
 - iv) Phototype theory(15 marks)

[25 MARKS]