

**UNIVERSITY OF SWAZILAND****SUPPLEMENTARY EXAMINATION PAPER: JULY 2014****B.A. DEGREE****TITLE OF PAPER: HISTORY OF LINGUISTICS****COURSE NUMBER: AL 311****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 Western Linguistics.

- i. Natural word form variation
- ii. The First Grammarian
- iii. Pānini
- iv. Thomas of Erfurt
- v. Roger Bacon
- vi. Aristotle
- vii. Monogenesis
- viii. Varro
- ix. Religion
- x. Plato

[25 marks]

**Question 2**

Name three (3) scholars or schools of thought in the history of Western linguistics who (which) contributed to the theory of Universal Grammar and describe their contributions. How do their ideas about Universal Grammar compose with those of the Ancient Greeks and Romans?

[25 marks]

**Question 3**

Name and define four (4) separate types of writing systems. Give one (1) example of each of the four types.

[25 marks]

**Question 4**

Who was the First Grammarian? What language did he describe? Name two (2) members of the Prague School. Name and define two phonological concepts used by both the First Grammarian and the linguists of the Prague School. Give one example of each concept from a language of your choice.

[25 marks]

**SECTION B**

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

**Question 5**

Describe the contribution of any **FIVE (5)** of the following to the development of Western Linguistics.

- i. Patañjali
- ii. Leonard Bloomfield
- iii. Port Royal Grammarians
- iv. The Neogrammarians
- v. *Cours de linguistique générale*
- vi. August Schleicher
- vii. Rasmus Kristian Rask
- viii. Henry Sweet
- ix. Lindley Murray
- x. William Holder

[25 marks]

**Question 6**

Who was Ferdinand de Saussure? Name and define four (4) concepts which he contributed to Western linguistics.

[25 marks]

**Question 7**

Describe August Schlegel's contribution to morphological typology. Name and define each of his morphological types. For each type, give an example of a language which at least partially fits it, with an example of relevant morphology.

[25 marks]

**Question 8**

Describe Noam Chomsky's theories of innateness, Universal Grammar and the Language Acquisition Device. Which one of these theories was anticipated by Roger Bacon?

[25 marks]

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