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**TITLE OF PAPER:            HISTORY OF LINGUISTICS: BANTU**

**COURSE NUMBER:        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) QUESTION FROM SECTION B**
  - 4.    LINGUISTIC EXPRESSIONS AND FORMALISM  
      SHOULD BE USED WHENEVER APPROPRIATE.**

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## SECTION A

Choose two questions from this section

**Question 1**

- a) Discuss and critically evaluate contributions to the earliest records of Bantu by the following scholars:
- 1) Arabs
  - 2) Egyptians (13)
  - 3) Portuguese
- b) Briefly discuss why Greenberg rejected the typological classification of languages. (6)
- c) With the aid of examples, briefly explain what a Proto-language is. (6)

[25 marks]

**Question 2**

Discuss briefly the contributions made to Bantu linguistic studies by the following:

- i) John Barrow
- ii) Johann Ludwig Krapf
- iii) John Colenso
- iv) John Theodore Vanderkemp
- v) J. W. Appleyard

[25 marks]

**Question 3**

Discuss the contributions made to Bantu linguistic studies by Heinrich Lichtenstein.

[25 marks]

**Question 4**

- a) Compare and contrast Guthrie's and Doke's classification of Bantu languages. (13 marks)
- b) Distinguish between typological and genealogical classification of languages. (6 marks)
- c) Using examples from any relevant Bantu languages, distinguish between a language and a dialect? (6 marks)

**SECTION B**

*Choose two questions from this section*

**Question 5**

a) Discuss briefly the contributions made to Bantu linguistic studies by the following:

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| i)   | Andrew Sparrman | (5 marks)  |
| ii)  | James Bryant    | (5 marks)  |
| iii) | John Bennie     | (10 marks) |
| iv)  | James Archbell  | (5 marks)  |

**[25 marks]**

**Question 6**

Discuss the contributions made to Bantu linguistic studies by Giacinto Brusciotto

**[25 marks]**

**Question 7**

Discuss

- i) Five ways in which the phonological characteristics of the Nguni groups of languages are different from those of the Sotho group.
- ii) Five ways in which the grammatical characteristics of the two groups of languages are different.

**[25 marks]**

**Question 8**

- a) Draw family tree diagrams to represent Richard Lepsius's classification of African languages. (10 marks)
- b) List ten of the characteristics which Lepsius followed in his classification of Bantu languages. (15 marks)

**[25 marks]**