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TITLE OF PAPER: HISTORY OF LINGUISTICS: BANTU

COURSE NUMBER: AL 312 Full Time

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 Bantu Linguistics.

- i. Father Antoine de Tervelli
- ii. Mas'ûdî
- iii. A.E. Meeussen
- iv. Father Cardoso
- v. John Bennie
- vi. Eugène Casalis
- vii. Father Pablo Dias, S.J.
- viii. Hamadânî
- ix. James Archbell
- x. Father Andre Fernandez

[25 marks]

Question 2

Describe the contribution to the study of African language classification of four (4) of the following scholars:

- i. Alice Werner
- ii. Johann Ludwig Krapf
- iii. Sir Harry Johnston
- iv. Karl Richard Lepsius
- v. Heinrich Lichtenstein

[25 marks]

Question 3

Describe the contribution to the study of comparative Bantu philology of four (4) of the following scholars:

- i. Alice Werner
- ii. Father J. Torrend, S.J.
- iii. Carl Meinhof
- iv. Wilhelm Heinrich Immanuel Bleek
- v. Sir Harry Johnston

[25 marks]

Question 4

Describe the contribution to the study of Bantu noun class systems of four (4) of the following scholars:

- i. Giacinto Brusciotto
- ii. Carl Meinhof
- iii. William A. Boyce
- iv. Wilhelm Heinrich Immanuel Bleek
- v. Clement Martyn Doke

[25 marks]

SECTION B

Choose two (2) questions from this section.

Question 5

Choose five (5) of the following languages or language families. For each one, describe its genetic relationship, or lack thereof, to each of the other five, according to Greenberg's classification.

- i. Korana
- ii. Igbo
- iii. Congo-Kordofanian
- iv. Hebrew
- v. Temne
- vi. Luganda
- vii. Kalenjin
- viii. Mambila
- ix. Junkunoid
- x. Somali

[25 marks]

Question 6

Identify four (4) authors of grammars and dictionaries of Nguni languages in the 19th century. For each author, state whether he produced a grammar or a dictionary, or both. Assess the quality of their work according to current standards of linguistic research. [25 marks]

Question 7

List Malcolm Guthrie's seven (7) criteria for identifying a language as Bantu. Give one (1) example of each of these criteria from a Bantu language or languages of your choice. For each of these criteria, state whether it is evidence for i) genetic relatedness, ii) typological classification, iii) language universals, or any combination of these three. [25 marks]

Question 8

Compare and contrast the criteria used for African language classification by each of the following scholars:

- i. Clement Martyn Doke
- ii. Joseph Greenberg
- iii. Malcolm Guthrie
- iv. Ernst Westphal

[25 marks]

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