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SUPPLEMENTARY EXAMINATION PAPER: JULY 2015

B.A. DEGREE

TITLE OF PAPER: HISTORY OF LINGUISTICS: BANTU

COURSE NUMBER: AL 312

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

- i. Wilhelm Heinrich Immanuel Bleek
- ii. Eugène Casalis
- iii. John W. Colenso
- iv. Mas'udi
- v. William Boyce
- vi. Johann Ludwig Krapf
- vii. Jāqūt
- viii. Father J. Torrend
- ix. John W. Appleyard
- x. Hamandānī

[25 marks]

Question 2

Identify 3 Portuguese sources who left records of Bantu languages in the 16th century. Describe the contribution of each of these authors. What difficulties did they face in language recording? [

[25 marks]

Question 3

Describe one important structural difference between Latin and Bantu languages which created difficulties in the description and analysis of Bantu languages by early recorders. Describe another such difference between Arabic and Bantu languages. Why do such structural differences cause problems in description and analysis? [25 marks]

Question 4

List the principles underlying each of Malcolm Guthrie's and Clement Martyn Doke's methods of language classification. For each of these principles, state why Joseph Greenberg would have agreed with it, or why not.

[25 marks]

SECTION B

Choose two (2) questions from this section.

Question 5

Choose five (5) of the following languages or proto-languages. For each one, describe its genetic relationship, or lack thereof, to each of the other five that you have chosen, according to Joseph Greenberg's classification.

- i. Gikūyū
- ii. Yoruba
- iii. Tiv
- iv. Bantu
- v. Igbo
- vi. Congo-Kordofanian
- vii. Tuntum
- viii. Kwa
- ix. Benue-Congo
- x. Chichewa

[25 marks]

Question 6

Describe the contribution to the study of Bantu languages of four (4) of the following: Giacinto Brusciotto, John Bennie, William A. Boyce, Sir Harry Johnston, Alice Werner. [25 marks]

Question 7

Which recording of a word is the earliest known one in the history of Bantu languages? What is its date? Describe three (3) other early written records of Bantu languages. [25 marks]

Question 8

Describe the system of numbering noun classes in Bantu languages developed by Wilhelm Heinrich Immanuel Bleek and later modified by Carl Meinhof. Compare it to the numbering system devised by Clement Martyn Doke. Each of these systems emphasizes a different aspect of the organization of Bantu noun class systems. Describe the aspect emphasized by each system.

[25 marks]

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