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**FINAL EXAMINATION PAPER: MAY 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**

Describe the contribution of any five (5) of the following to the development of Bantu Linguistics.

- i. Philipo Pigafetta
- ii. Ancient Egypt
- iii. John Bennie
- iv. Heinrich Lichtenstein
- v. Sir Harry Johnston
- vi. Ur-Bantu
- vii. Karl Richard Lepsius
- viii. Alice Werner
- ix. James Archbell
- x. Ernst Westphal

[25 marks]

### **Question 2**

Identify three (3) authors of works written in Arabic which refer to Bantu languages. Describe the contribution of each of these authors. What difficulties did they face? What structural difference between Arabic and Bantu languages contributed to these difficulties?

[25 marks]

### **Question 3**

Describe the contributions to the study of Bantu languages by five (5) of the Angola Fathers.

[25 marks]

### **Question 4**

Explain what is meant by genetic relatedness between and among languages. How is genetic relatedness established? Are structural characteristics used to establish genetic relatedness? Why 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. Luo
- ii. Swahili
- iii. Niger-Congo
- iv. Mande
- v. Bantoid
- vi. Fur
- vii. Wolof
- viii. SiSwati
- ix. Shilluk
- x. Bambara

[25 marks]

### **Question 6**

Describe Malcolm Guthrie's criteria for word division in Bantu languages. Define conjunctive and disjunctive ways of writing Bantu languages. Do Guthrie's criteria favor disjunctive or conjunctive orthography?

[25 marks]

### **Question 7**

List Clement Martyn Doke's major morphological characteristics of Southern Bantu languages and Malcolm Guthrie's criteria for identifying a language as Bantu. For each of these characteristics and criteria, state whether Joseph Greenberg would have used it to establish genetic relatedness between languages.

[25 marks]

### **Question 8**

Describe the contribution to the study of Bantu languages of four (4) of the following: John W. Appleyard, John W. Colenso, Johann Ludwig Krapf, Wilhelm Heinrich Emmanuel Bleek, Father J. Torrend, Carl Meinhof.

[25 marks]

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