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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

Answer Question 1 and any other question from this section

Question 1

- a) Word order patterns in languages are derived from simple declarative sentences. With **three** examples, briefly discuss problems that would be encountered if any type of sentence would be used to suggest the word order pattern of English.
(9 marks)
- b) Discuss and critically evaluate the earliest records of Bantu words from the following nationalities (discuss only **two** examples of words from each source).
- a. Arabs
 - b. Egyptians
 - c. Portuguese
 - d. British

(16 marks)

[25 marks]

Question 2

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

- i) James Archbell
- ii) Johann Ludwig Krapf
- iii) John Colenso
- iv) Eugene Casalis
- v) John Bennie

[25 marks]

Question 3

- a) With the use of tree diagrams, briefly discuss how each of the following scholars classified the languages of "South Africa":
- i) J. Torrend
 - ii) H. Lichtenstein
 - iii) W.H. Bleek

(9 marks)

- b) Discuss **four** ways in which the phonological characteristics of the Nguni group of languages are different from those of the Sotho group. (16 marks)

[25 marks]

SECTION B

Choose any two (2) questions from this section

Question 4

Discuss and critically evaluate Doke's classification of Southern Bantu languages.

[25 marks]

Question 5

Discuss Carl Meinhof's contributions to Bantu historical and comparative linguistics.

[25 marks]

Question 6

Discuss the contributions made to Bantu linguistic studies by J.W Appleyard.

[25 marks]

Question 7

Discuss Guthrie's classification of Bantu languages and show the position of siSwati in this classification.

[25 marks]