

UNIVERSITY OF SWAZILAND

FINAL EXAMINATION PAPER - MAY 2015
B.A DEGREE

TITLE OF PAPER : LINGUISTIC ANALYSIS OF THE MAIN LANGUAGE 1V

COURSE NUMBER: AL411

TIME ALLOWED: THREE (3) HOURS

INSTRUCTIONS:

1. ANSWER FOUR (4) QUESTIONS IN ALL
2. ANSWER TWO QUESTIONS FROM EACH SECTION
3. LINGUISTIC EXPRESSIONS AND FORMALISMS SHOULD BE USED WHEREVER APPROPRIATE
4. MARKS WILL BE DEDUCTED FOR UNTIDY WORK, WRONG SPELLING AND UNGRAMMATICAL SENTENCES
5. ALL EXAMPLES SHOULD BE GLOSSED.

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SECTION A

THE ADVERB, IDEOPHONE, CONJUNCTIVE AND THE INTERJECTIVE

Answer TWO Questions from this Section

QUESTION 1: The Adverb.

- a) With the aid of examples, explain the four different types of adverbs in siSwati.
(10 marks)
- b) With reference to siSwati, explain the derivation of adverbs of place from proper nouns denoting
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| i) Names of people | (4 marks) |
| ii) Names of rivers | (4 marks) |
| iii) Names of mountains | (4 marks) |
| iv) Names of areas and towns | (3 marks) |

[25 MARKS]

QUESTION 2: The Ideophone

- a) Define an ideophone (3 marks)
- b) Sihlatiya Siswati differentiates between ideophones that imitate sounds and action (tifuta) from those that are descriptive (tinongo). With the aid of examples, discuss five characteristics of the ideophones that imitate sounds and action. (10 marks)
- c) With the aid of examples, discuss any three similarities between the ideophone and the interjective in siSwati. (12 marks)

[25 MARKS]

QUESTION 3: The Conjunctive

- a) Discuss fully the two types of conjunctives in siSwati (primitive versus the derived) (5 marks)
- b) Discuss fully five different semantic functions of the conjunctive, giving appropriate examples wherever possible. (15 marks)
- c) Using appropriate examples, explain how the conjunctive can be inflected to form copulatives. (5 marks)

[25 MARKS]

QUESTION 4: The Interjective

- a) Using traditional grammar, define an interjective. (5 marks)
- b) With the aid of examples, discuss fully the type of interjectives called vocatives focusing mainly on its derivation and use. (20 marks)

[25 MARKS]

SECTION B

MISCELLANEOUS TOPICS

Answer TWO Questions from this Section.

QUESTION 5

Discuss the behaviourist versus nativist controversy with regards to language acquisition.

[25 MARKS]

QUESTION 6

With reference to Prideaux (1985) discuss at least four major concerns of syntax.

[25 MARKS]

QUESTION 7

- a) What is case grammar? (5 marks)

 - b) With the aid of examples from English, discuss three criticisms leveled against syntactically based grammars. (5 marks)

 - c) With the help of appropriate tree structure diagrams, discuss fully Fillmore's case grammar. (15 marks)
- [25 MARKS]**

QUESTION 8

Discuss fully the structure, use and significance of the **Wh-type** of questions in siSwati.

[25 MARKS]