

**UNIVERSITY OF SWAZILAND**

**FINAL EXAMINATION PAPER: DECEMBER 2015**

**B.A. DEGREE**

**TITLE OF PAPER: HISTORY OF LINGUISTICS**

**COURSE NUMBER: AL 311**

**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 Western Linguistics:

- i. Evangelism
- ii. Ancient Sumer
- iii. Language Learning
- iv. India
- v. Dante Alighieri
- vi. The Roman Empire
- vii. Alexander the Great
- viii. Non-European languages
- ix. Rebus Principle

[25 marks]

### **Question 2**

Define four (4) separate types of writing systems. Give one (1) example of each of the four types that you define. [25 marks]

### **Question 3**

Name five (5) scholars who contributed to the development of Western linguistics in the area of historical linguistics. Describe the contribution of each scholar that you name. [25 marks]

### **Question 4**

Name five (5) scholars who contributed to the development of Western linguistics in the area of phonetics and phonology. Describe the contribution of each scholar that you name. [25 marks]

## SECTION B

*Choose two (2) questions from this section.*

### **Question 5**

Describe the contribution of any five (5) of the following to the development of Western Linguistics:

- i. Orthography
  - ii. The Prague School
  - iii. Early Modern Europe
  - iv. The Neogrammarians
  - v. Structuralism
  - vi. Philosophy and Scholarship
  - vii. The Port Royal Grammarians
  - viii. Renaissance Europe
  - ix. Cultural and Religious Preservation and Understanding
- [25 marks]

### **Question 6**

Name five (5) scholars who contributed to the development of Western linguistics in the area of Universal Grammar and typology. Describe the contribution of each scholar that you name.

[25 marks]

### **Question 7**

Name five (5) scholars who contributed to the development of Western linguistics in the area of morphology and syntax. Describe the contribution of each scholar that you name. [25 marks]

### **Question 8**

Name and define Dionysius Thrax's parts of speech. Compare and contrast Priscian's parts of speech with those of Dionysius.

[25 marks]

**END OF QUESTION PAPER**