UNIVERSITY OF SWAZILAND

RESIT EXAMINATION PAPER: JULY 2018

B.A. DEGREE

TITLE OF PAPER: MORPHOLOGY AND SYNTAX

COURSE NUMBER: ALL104 (Full Time)

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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Choose two (2) questions from this section.

Question 1

(i) Define grammatical relations.

(ii) Give one (1) example of a sentence with two (2) grammatical relations in any language.

(iii) Name the grammatical relations of the sentence that you give in (ii).

(iv) Draw a complete phrase structure tree for the sentence you give in (ii).

(v) Show how the grammatical relations you name in (iii) are defined in terms of the phrase structure tree you drew in (iv).   [25 marks]

Question 2

(i) Give one (1) example of a sentence in English that has at least two (2) NPs and two (2) PPs.

(ii) Draw a complete phrase structure tree for the sentence that you give in (i).

(iii) Use the tree that you draw in (ii) to identify one (1) example of each of the following:

    a) domination
    b) indirect domination
    c) sisters   [25 marks]

Question 3

Define each one of the following terms. Give one (1) example of each term from any language of your choice.

    1) Cleft test
    2) Functional category
    3) Passive
    4) Language innateness
    5) Syntactic ambiguity

[25 marks]

SECTION B

Choose two (2) questions from this section.

Question 4

(i) Define morphology.

(ii) What is the difference between morphology and syntax?

(iii) What is the difference between free and bound morphemes? Give one (1) example of each of these morpheme types from any language other than English.

(iv) What is the difference between simple and complex words? Give one (1) example of each of these word types from any language other than English. [25 marks]

Question 5

(i) Define inflectional and derivational morphology.

(ii) Name three (3) differences between inflectional and derivational morphology.

(iii) Use examples from at least two (2) languages to explain each of the three differences that you name in (ii). [25 marks]

Question 6

Define five (5) of the following terms. For each term, give one (1) example from any language. You may use examples from more than one language.

1) Suppletion
2) Lexeme
3) Infix
4) Morphophonemics
5) Prefix
6) Allomorph
7) Suffix

[25 marks]

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