

UNIVERSITY OF ESWATINI

FINAL EXAMINATION PAPER: May 2019

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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SECTION A

Choose two (2) questions from this section.

Question 1

- (i) Give the passive equivalent of the following English sentence: (2 marks)
- (a) The driver drove the truck.
- (ii) Give the predicate-argument structure of the predicate in example (a). (6 marks)
- (iii) Show how the arguments of the predicate that you give in (ii) are mapped onto grammatical functions in both the active and passive sentences. (10 marks)
- (iv) Explain why passivization is an example of a valency-changing process. (7 marks)
- [Total=25 marks]

Question 2

- (i) Draw two (2) different complete phrase structure trees for the following English sentence: (12 marks)
- (a) The farmer from Manzini bought the cows in the kraal.
- (ii) Define two (2) types of ambiguity. (6 marks)
- (ii) Is the sentence in (a) ambiguous? Why or why not? If it is ambiguous, which type of ambiguity does it show? (7 marks)
- [Total=25 marks]

Question 3

- (i) Define each of the following terms:
- a) Language Innateness
 - b) Language Acquisition Device
 - c) Universal Grammar
- (15 marks)
- (ii) Use the definitions you have given in (i) to describe the process of first language acquisition. (5 marks)
- (iii) Explain why the concept of Universal Grammar does not mean that all human languages are identical. (5 marks)
- [Total=25 marks]

SECTION B

Choose two (2) questions from this section.

Question 4

- (i) Define the concept of category change in morphology. (5 marks)
- (ii) Name two (2) types of morphology that are different in terms of how they change categories. (2 marks)
- (iii) For each of the two (2) types of morphology that you have named in (ii), give two (2) examples. The examples of each type should come from two different languages. (4 marks)
- (iv) Name and define two (2) other characteristics, besides category change, that are used to distinguish the two (2) types of morphology that you have named in (ii). (14 marks)
[Total=25 marks]

Question 5

Define four (4) of the following terms. Give one example of each term that you have defined from any language of your choice.

- i. complex word
- ii. suppletion
- iii. allomorph
- iv. morphology
- v. morpheme
- vi. morphophonemics

[Total=25 marks]

Question 6

- (i) Define morphological alignment. (5 marks)
- (ii) Name three (3) types of affixes. Define each of these affix types in terms of the definition you have given in (i). (12 marks)
- (iii) Give one (1) example of each one of the affix types that you have given in (ii). Your three (3) examples should come from at least two (2) different languages. (3 marks)
- (iv) Explain how the syllable structure of a language may affect the alignment of affixes. (5 marks)
[Total=25 marks]

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