

UNIVERSITY OF ESWATINI

RESIT EXAMINATION PAPER: JULY 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) Describe three differences between the syntax and the lexicon. (15 marks)
- (ii) Give one (1) example of the type of knowledge found in the syntax from a language of your choice. (2 marks)
- (iii) Give one (1) example of the type of knowledge found in the lexicon from a language of your choice. (2 marks).
- (iv) Why are the syntax and lexicon considered to be separate parts of human knowledge of language? (6 marks)
- [Total=25 marks]

Question 2

- (i) Give one (1) example of a transitive sentence in English. (2 marks)
- (ii) Define each of the following terms:
- a) Cleft Test (5 marks)
 - b) Stand Alone Test (5 marks)
 - c) Substitution Test (5 marks)
- (iii) Apply each of the tests that you define in (ii) to both the subject NP and the direct object NP in the phrase structure tree that you give in (i) and give the results. (8 marks)
- [Total=25 marks]

Question 3

- (i) Draw a complete phrase structure tree for the following English sentence: (10 marks)
- (a) The duck in the pond ate the dumpling from the restaurant.
- (ii) For the tree that you draw in (1), identify 2 nodes that are sisters. Justify your choice. (5 marks)
- (iii) For the tree that you draw in (1), identify one example of direct domination. Justify your choice. (5 marks)
- (iv) For the tree that you draw in (1), identify one example of direct domination. Justify your choice. (5 marks)
- [Total=25 marks]

SECTION B

Choose two (2) questions from this section.

Question 4

(i) Define infixes, prefixes and suffixes in terms of morphological alignment. What do these three types of affixes have in common in terms of position? (14 marks)

(ii) Give one (2) examples of each one of the affix types that you have defined in (i). Your six (6) examples should come from at least two (2) different languages. (6 marks)

(iii) Explain how the syllable structure of a language may affect the alignment of affixes.

(5 marks)

[Total=25 marks]

Question 5

(i) Define the concept of morpheme order in morphology.

(5 marks)

(ii) Name two (2) types of morphology that are different in terms of how they affect morpheme order.

(2 marks)

(iii) For each of the two (2) types of morphology that you have named in (ii), give two (2) examples, each from a different language.

(4 marks)

(iv) Name and define two (2) other characteristics, besides morpheme order, that are used to distinguish the two (2) types of morphology that you have named in (ii).

(14 marks)

[Total=25 marks]

Question 6

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

- i. morphophonemics
- ii. simple word
- iii. suppletion
- iv. bound morpheme
- v. allomorph
- vi. morpheme

[Total=25 marks]

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