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TITLE OF PAPER : LINGUISTIC ANALYSIS OF THE MAIN
LANGUAGE 1

COURSE NUMBER: AL211

TIME ALLOWED: THREE (3) HOURS

INSTRUCTIONS:

- 1 ANSWER Four (4) QUESTIONS IN ALL
- 2 ANSWER AT LEAST ONE QUESTION FROM EACH SECTION
- 3 LINGUISTIC EXPRESSIONS AND FORMALISM SHOULD BE USED WHEREVER APPROPRIATE
- 4 MARKS WILL BE DEDUCTED FOR UNTIDY WORK, WRONG SPELLING AND UNGRAMMATICAL SENTENCES
- 5 ALL EXAMPLES SHOULD BE GLOSSED

SECTION A: THE NOUN

Answer at Least one Question from this Section

QUESTION 1

- (a) (i) What is classification? Name the three linguists who classified Bantu nouns. (5)
- (ii) With aid of examples from siSwati, define the noun:
- Semantically (3)
 - Morphologically (3)
 - Syntactically (3)
- (b) (i) With the aid of examples from siSwati, define the two morphemes that constitute a noun. (8)
- (ii) Which one do you consider the most important between the two morphemes that constitute a noun? Support your answer. (3)

[TOTAL: 25]

QUESTION 2

- a) With aid of examples fully explain all facets of reduplication. (7)
- b) With the aid of examples discuss fully the noun reduplication that occurs in siSwati. (18)

[TOTAL: 25]

QUESTION 3

- a) (i) Name the process used to derive nouns from verbs? (2)
- (ii) How many types of nouns are derived from verbs? Name them and give morphological structure of each one of them. (7)

- b) With aid of examples from siSwati, discuss the three different types of nominals indicating human agents. Your discussion should clearly point out the characteristic of each type. Further, explain how productive each type is. (16)

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SECTION B - THE PRONOUN

Answer at least ONE question from this Section

QUESTION 4

- a) With aid of examples from English, give the traditional grammarians definition of a pronoun. (5)
- b) Using examples from English explain why the traditional grammarians definition is not appropriate (6)
- c) Using appropriate examples give the correct definition of an English pronoun (6)
- d) In siSwati the co-existence of the pronoun and its co-referent noun is not a redundant feature". Using any pronoun of your choice to illustrate your answer prove the truth of this statement. (8)

[Total: 25]

QUESTION 5

- a) Define a quantitative pronoun. Give a siSwati term given by traditional grammarians for the quantitative pronoun. State the term Sibanda (1996) gives for this type of pronoun and explain why it opts for a different term. (6)

b) Explain the meaning associated with each stem of the quantitative pronoun. (6)

c) Choose one of the stems and give a concise table of the quantitative pronoun, further explain how they have been formed. (13)

[TOTAL: 25]

SECTION C: THE QUALIFICATIVE

QUESTION 6

a) Using traditional grammar, define the relative. (2)

b) Give 3 pairs of opposite descriptive relative stems. (4)

c) With the aid of examples, explain how relatives are derived from verbs. (4)

d) Explain the difference between relative and adjectival concords. (2)

e) Using Meinhof's classification, provide a table of the relative concords and then explain how you have formed them. (12)

[TOTAL: 25]

QUESTION 7

a) Using suitable examples define an alienable and inalienable possessive. (5)

b) With the aid of examples discuss five different meanings associated with the possessive in siSwati. (5)

c) With the aid of examples, explain how the possessive is derived from each of

the following:

i) Nouns (2)

ii) adjectives (3)

d) With the aid of example give a table of the possessive stems derived from the absolute pronoun and explain how it has been formed. (10)

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