UNIVERSITY OF ESWATINI

FINAL EXAMINATION PAPER: May 2019

B.A. DEGREE

TITLE OF PAPER: Topics in Applied Linguistics

COURSE NUMBER: ALL408 (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) Define duality of patterning. (5 marks)

(ii) Name and describe three (3) distinctive features of signs in natural sign languages. (15 marks)

(iii) How do the distinctive features that you described in (ii) indicate that sign languages show duality of patterning? (5 marks)

[Total=25 marks]

Question 2

(i) Define pidgin languages. Describe the social circumstances under which pidgin languages arise. How do these circumstances resemble the social situations of many deaf children? (15 marks)

(ii) Define creole languages. How do natural sign languages resemble creole languages? (10 Marks)

[Total=25 marks]

Question 3

(i) Define classifier constructions in both spoken languages and natural sign languages. (10 marks)

(ii) Name and describe two (2) types of classifiers in natural sign languages. (12 marks)

(iii) Name three semantic concepts that are encoded by classifiers in natural sign languages. (3 marks)

[Total=25 marks]

SECTION B

Choose two (2) questions from this section.

Question 4

Describe plain verbs, spatial verbs and agreement verbs in natural sign languages. Describe how these three (3) verb classes differ from each other. Describe these three (3) verb classes in terms of both morphology and semantics. [Total=25 marks]

Question 5

Define five (5) of the following terms.

  i.   home sign
  ii. contact language
  iii. iconicity
  iv. referential loci
  v.   natural sign language
  vi. artificial signed language   [Total=25 marks]

Question 6

(i) Describe three (3) common misconceptions about natural sign languages.

(15 marks)

(ii) Compare and contrast the medical approach to deafness and the cultural approach to deafness. (10 marks)

[Total=25 marks]

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