

UNIVERSITY OF ESWATINI

RESIT EXAMINATION PAPER: JULY 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 iconic motivation in natural sign languages. (5 marks)
 - (ii) Define classifier constructions in both natural sign languages and spoken languages. (10 marks)
 - (iii) Describe two (2) types of classifiers in natural sign languages. (10 marks)
- [Total=25 marks]

Question 2

- (i) Define distinctive features. (5 marks)
 - (ii) Do natural sign languages have distinctive features? Why or why not? (6 marks)
 - (iii) Compare spoken languages and sign languages with respect to distinctive features. Give one (1) example of a distinctive feature in spoken language and one (1) example of a distinctive feature in natural sign language. (10 marks)
 - (iv) How does the presence of distinctive features affect the status of natural sign languages as human languages? (4 marks)
- [Total=25 marks]

Question 3

- (i) Define the terms deaf and Deaf in terms of how they contrast with each other in DEAF-WORLD culture. (10 marks)
- (ii) Does DEAF-WORLD culture regard deafness as a disability? Why or why not? (7 marks)
- (iii) List four (4) categories of people who use sign languages. For each category, state whether its members are deaf. (8 marks)

SECTION B

Choose two (2) questions from this section.

Question 4

- (i) Define pidgin languages and creole languages. (10 Marks)
- (ii) Describe circumstances under which a sign language originates in the same way as a pidgin language. (8 marks)
- (iii) Describe circumstances under which a sign language develops in the same way as a creole language. (7 marks)
- [Total=25 marks]

Question 5

Define five (5) of the following terms.

- i. referential loci
 - ii. duality of patterning
 - iii. home sign
 - iv. fingerspelling
 - v. arbitrariness
 - vi. natural sign language
- [Total=25 marks]

Question 6

- (i) Name three (3) verb classes found in all known sign languages. (6 marks)
- (ii) Describe how these three verb classes differ from each other semantically. (9 marks)
- (iii) Describe how these three verb classes differ from each other morphologically. (10 marks)
- [Total=25 marks]

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