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FINAL EXAMINATION PAPER - NOVEMBER 2019

B. A. DEGREE

TITLE OF PAPER: THE ADVERB, IDEOPHONIC, CONJUNCTIVE AND INTERJECTIVE
IN SISWATI

COURSE CODE: ALL405

TIME ALLOWED: THREE (3) HOURS

INSTRUCTIONS:

1. ANSWER FOUR (4) QUESTIONS IN ALL
2. ANSWER TWO QUESTIONS FROM EACH SECTION
3. LINGUISTIC EXPRESSIONS AND FORMALISMS SHOULD BE USED WHEREVER APPROPRIATE
4. MARKS WILL BE DEDUCTED FOR UNTIDY WORK, WRONG SPELLING AND UNGRAMMATICAL SENTENCES
5. ALL EXAMPLES SHOULD BE GLOSSED.

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SECTION A

THE ADVERB, IDEOPHONE, CONJUNCTIVE AND INTERJECTIVE

Answer TWO questions from this Section

QUESTION 1: THE ADVERB

Using siSwati examples, discuss how the locative is formed from the following grammatical categories:

- a) Class 1 nouns
- b) Class 7 nouns
- c) Demonstrative copulatives
- d) Adjective
- e) Absolute pronoun.

[25 MARKS]

QUESTION 2: THE IDEOPHONE

Using two (2) examples in each case, discuss five (5) characteristics of onomatopoeic ideophones (tifutamsindvo and tifutasento) in siSwati. Make sure that in each case the first example indicates an ideophone that imitates sound while the second example indicates an ideophone that imitates action.

[25 MARKS]

QUESTION 3: THE CONJUNCTIVE

- a) Discuss fully the two types of conjunctives in siSwati. (5 marks)
- b) Discuss fully five different semantic functions of the conjunctive, giving appropriate examples wherever possible. (15 marks)
- c) Using appropriate examples, explain how the conjunctive can be inflected to form copulatives. (5 marks)

[25 MARKS]

QUESTION 4: THE INTERJECTIVE

- a) Using traditional grammar, define an interjective. (5 marks)
- b) With the aid of examples, discuss fully the type of interjectives called vocatives focusing mainly on its derivation and use. (20 marks)

[25 MARKS]

SECTION B

MISCELLANEOUS TOPICS

Answer TWO questions from this Section

QUESTION 5

With reference to Prideaux (1985), discuss four major concerns of syntax. [25 MARKS]

QUESTION 6

Discuss the structure, use and significance of the YES/NO inversion and WH- questions in siSwati. [25 MARKS]

QUESTION 7

Critically discuss **either** the behaviorist **or** the nativist approach to language acquisition. [25 MARKS]

QUESTION 8

- a) Briefly discuss the difference(s) between syntactically and semantically based grammars (10 marks)
- b) With the aid of relevant examples discuss Fillmore's criticism of syntactically based grammars. (15 marks)

[25 MARKS]