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TITLE OF PAPER: LINGUISTIC ANALYSIS OF THE MAIN LANGUAGE III

COURSE CODE: IDE AL410

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 VERB

Answer any TWO Questions from this Section.

QUESTION 1

- a) What does classification of the verb mean? (1 mark)
- b) Using siSwati examples, discuss the classification of the verb based on its syntactic features. (15 marks)
- c) Discuss the linguistic significance of classifying verbs on the basis of syntax. (9 marks)

[25 MARKS]

QUESTION 2

- a) What is meant by the term DOC? (4 marks)
- b) Briefly discuss the three types of DOCs that occur in siSwati. (6 marks)
- c) With the aid of examples from siSwati, discuss fully the parameters presented by Hyman and Duranti (1982) and explain if they do determine the object properties of the object NPs in a DOC. (15 marks)

[25 MARKS]

QUESTION 3

- a) Using examples from siSwati explain the following concepts:
 - i) simple implication
 - ii) exclusive implication
 - iii) progressive implication. (6 marks)
- b) Explain the difference both in structure and in meaning between the exclusive implication and the progressive implication. (6 marks)
- c) Using the verb **hamba**, tabulate the Indicative mood, from class 1/2 to class 15, present tense, long form, positive, exclusive implication and then explain how you have formed it. (13 marks)

[25 MARKS]

QUESTION 4

- a) With the aid of examples from your language explain the three meanings associated with the benefactive extension. (6 marks)
- b) The benefactive extension is a 'transitive verb'. Prove the truth of this statement by using relevant examples from siSwati. (3 marks)
- c) Critically evaluate Kunene's analysis of the benefactive construction. (16 marks)
- [25 MARKS]**

SECTION B

THE COPULATIVE

Answer any TWO Questions from this Section.

QUESTION 5

- a) Write a sentence in each case that has the following characteristics
- i) a copulative formed from a noun of class 3 (Meinhof) (2 marks)
 - ii) a copulative formed from the absolute pronoun of the first person plural (2 marks)
 - iii) a copulative formed from a class 15 demonstrative pronoun (hearer proximal) (2 marks)
 - iv) a copulative formed from the first person singular of the primitive demonstrative copulative –speaker proximal (2 marks)
 - v) a copulative formed from a locative (2 marks)
- b) With the aid of examples, explain the two ways in which the copulative can be formed from both the adjective and the relative. (15 marks)
- [25 MARKS]**

QUESTION 6

Like verbs, the copulative can be inflected for mood. Using the copulative **ngumfundisi**, give a table of the Indicative mood, present tense, positive, exclusive implication from the first person to class 15 and then explain how you have formed it. **[25 MARKS]**

QUESTION 7

- a) Define the copulative according to Sibanda and Mthembu (1997). (4 marks)
- b) Prove that the verb and the copulative are in complementary distribution. (6 marks)
- c) With the aid of examples explain fully how the copulative is derived from the noun. (15 marks)

[25 MARKS]

QUESTION 8

Do the following from each of the sentences below:

- a) identify the copulative used
 - b) identify the grammatical category from which the copulative is formed and
 - c) explain how the copulative has been formed in each case
- i) Senguye kuphela ingwenya lapha.
 - ii) Nawe ungaba yingwenya lekini.
 - iii) Ngulapha-ke lapho kwafela khona Khandalimtjelokwakhe.
 - iv) Muhle ngempela phela umshana wami.
 - v) Bafundzi kuphela lababhala loluhlolo.
 - vi) Ngangiseyingwenya ngaleso sikhatsi.
 - vii) Musa akusilijaha ngemanti.
 - viii) Nguye yedvwa Mfanaleni losasele kabo.

[25 MARKS]