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FINAL EXAMINATION PAPER – AUGUST 2020

B. A. DEGREE

TITLE OF PAPER: LINGUISTIC ANALYSIS OF THE MAIN LANGUAGE IV

COURSE CODE: IDE AL411

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

Answer TWO Questions from this Section

QUESTION 1: The Adverb

- a) The Locative inversion can be derived by using different formatives. With the aid of examples discuss any three of these formatives. (6 marks)
- b) Explain fully how the locative is derived from the following:
- i) Absolute pronoun (5 marks)
 - ii) Demonstrative pronoun (5 marks)
 - iii) Enumerative (4 marks)
 - iv) Copulatives (5 marks)

[25 MARKS]

QUESTION 2: The Ideophone

- a) With the aid of suitable examples discuss in detail the two types of descriptive ideophones. (15 marks)
- b) The ideophone can be used with different grammatical categories. Discuss. (10 marks)

[25 MARKS]

QUESTION 3: The Conjunctive

- a) Using suitable examples define the conjunctive. (5 marks)
- b) With the aid of examples from siSwati, discuss the types of conjunctives as outlined by Doke (1927). (20 marks)

[25 MARKS]

QUESTION 4: The Interjective

- a) With the aid of suitable examples, define the interjective. (5 marks)
- b) Discuss the type of interjectives that traditional grammarians refer to as primitive interjectives. (14 marks)
- c) Discuss the similarities and differences between the interjective and the imperative in siSwati. Illustrate your answers with appropriate examples. (6 marks)

[25 MARKS]

SECTION B

MISCELLANEOUS TOPICS

Answer Two Questions from this Section.

QUESTION 5

- a) What is meant by syntactically based grammar? Give appropriate examples. (2 marks)
- b) What is meant by semantically based grammar? Illustrate your answer with examples. (2 marks)
- c) Consider the following sentence:

The man opened the door with a key.

- i) Write the deep structure of the above sentence using syntactically based grammar. (5 marks)
- ii) Write the deep structure of the sentence using Filmore's case grammar. (5 marks)
- iii) Explain the differences between the two deep structures you have presented in (i) and (ii) above. (5 marks)
- iv) With the aid of examples from English, discuss the structure of Filmore's case grammar and explain how it caters for criticisms levelled against syntactically based grammars. (6 marks)

[25 MARKS]

QUESTION 6

With reference to Prideaux (1985), discuss five major concerns of syntax.

[25 MARKS]

QUESTION 7

Discuss fully the formation, use and significance of the **Yes/No Inversions** in siSwati.

[25 MARKS]

QUESTION 8

Critically discuss the nativist approach to language acquisition.

[25 MARKS]