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FINAL EXAMINATION PAPER - APRIL 2021

B. A. DEGREE

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

COURSE CODE: ALL405/IDE 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

- a) Define the locative according to traditional grammarians. (5 marks)
- b) Discuss fully the formation of locatives from nouns. (20 marks)

[25 MARKS]

QUESTION 2: THE IDEOPHONE

- a) Give a definition of the ideophone according to contemporary grammar. (5 marks)
- b) Discuss the two types of ideophones. (10 marks)
- c) Explain how the ideophone is used with the following grammatical categories:
- (i) Verbs (8 marks)
- (ii) Other ideophones (2 marks)

[25 MARKS]

QUESTION 3: THE CONJUNCTIVE

- a) Define the conjunctive according to Sibanda (1996). (5 Marks)
- b) Look at the sentences below, and explain what the function of the conjunctive used is, in each sentence:
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| (i) | Abati kepha kutsi kubhalwa luhlolo?
exams are being written?’ | ‘They don’t know but that |
| (ii) | Belishisa likhipha ukhovu etjeni mhla agidza.
when she got married traditionally’ | ‘It was extremely hot |
| (iii) | Bebadlala labo ngako-ke bafeyilile.
so they failed’ | ‘Those were not serious |
| (iv) | Usebenta uma sekutawuphela inyanga loyo.
month end is approaching’ | ‘That one works when |
| (v) | Wena uyadlala kantsi lendzaba imatima.
a serious matter’ | ‘You are joking yet this is |

(10 Marks)

- c) Discuss the two types of conjunctives, according to traditional grammarians. (10 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 that traditional grammarians refer to as imperative interjectives focusing mainly on their derivation and use. (10 marks)
- a) Discuss the characteristics of primitive interjectives. (10 marks)

[25 MARKS]

SECTION B

MISCELLANEOUS TOPICS IN LINGUISTICS

Answer TWO questions from this Section

QUESTION 5: INTERROGATIVES IN SISWATI

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

[25 MARKS]

QUESTION 6: CONCERNS OF SYNTAX

- a) With the aid of English examples, define syntax. (3 marks)
- b) Discuss the major concerns of syntax according to Prideaux (1985), under the following subtopics:
- i) Descriptive syntax (10 marks)
 - ii) Analysis of various sentence types (7 marks)
 - iii) Specification and analysis of grammatical functions (6 marks)

[25 MARKS]

QUESTION 7: LANGUAGE ACQUISITION

Critically discuss Skinner's Behaviourist Theory of language acquisition. [25 MARKS]

QUESTION 8: FILLMORE'S CASE GRAMMAR

- 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]