

UNIVERSITY OF ESWATINI

FINAL EXAMINATION PAPER: November 2021

B.A. DEGREE

TITLE OF PAPER: Topics in Applied Linguistics

COURSE NUMBER: ALL408/IDE ALL408

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 Section A. Each question is worth 25 marks in total.

Question 1

Answer the following questions:

1. What is the status of South African Sign Language in South Africa? (5 marks)
2. When may a sign language not be the mother tongue of a child who is deaf from birth? (10 marks)
3. Describe two (2) reasons for using sign language in d/Deaf education. (10 marks)

Question 2

For each of the following pairs, describe one (1) similarity and one (1) difference between them:

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| 1. creole languages and pidgin languages | (6 marks) |
| 2. home sign and Signing Exact English | (6 marks) |
| 3. spatial verbs and agreement verbs | (6 marks) |
| 4. classifiers and pronouns | (6 marks; 1 overall style mark) |

Question 3

1. Describe three (3) distinctive features of natural sign languages. (12 marks)
2. Define duality of patterning. (5 marks)
3. Why did Charles Hockett think that duality of patterning was important for the study of human language? (3 marks)
4. How do the distinctive features that you describe in (1) show that natural sign languages have duality of patterning? (5 marks)

SECTION B

Choose two (2) questions from Section B. Each question is worth 25 marks in total.

Question 4

1. What is a language modality? (5 marks)
2. What is the difference between the spoken language modality and the sign language modality? (3 marks)
3. How do each of these modalities affect the existence and expression of pronominalization and gender in each of these language types? (12 marks)
4. What are referential loci? (5 marks)

Question 5

Answer the following questions:

1. Why do sign languages tend to be young languages? (5 marks)
2. Why does pantomime not qualify to be a natural sign language? (5 marks)
3. What is the difference between deaf and DEAF? (5 marks)
4. Why is the term “phonology” used for sign language? (5 marks)
5. Are the symbols of natural sign languages arbitrary? (5 marks)

Question 6

Define five (5) of the following terms:

1. iconicity in sign language (5 marks)
2. cochlear implant (5 marks)
3. applied linguistics (5 marks)
4. plain verbs (5 marks)
5. HEARING-IN-THE-HEAD (5 marks)
6. artificial sign language (5 marks)

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