

# **UNIVERSITY OF SWAZILAND**

## **FINAL EXAMINATIONS 2009**

**TITLE OF PAPER:** A SURVEY OF ENGLISH GRAMMAR

**COURSE CODE:** ENG 101/ IDE-ENG 101

**TIME ALLOWED:** 2 HOURS

### **INSTRUCTIONS:**

1. Answer TWO questions: Question ONE and any other question.
2. Close attention should be paid to content, organisation, expression and mechanical accuracy in the essay type questions.
3. This paper is 2 pages long; cover page included.

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**Question 1 (40 marks)**

- a. Write brief explanations to the following, providing examples where necessary (20 marks):
  - i. Human language is **conventional (10 marks)**.
  - ii. The concept of **hierarchy** in the units of the English syntax (10 marks).
- b. Identify the type of verbs underlined in the sentences below (5 marks).
  - i. Mr Masuku became a pastor yesterday.
  - ii. The Vice-Chancellor appointed Miss Mabuso a Lecturer at Uniswa.
  - iii. The Vet Doctor poisoned the rabid cat at the clinic.
  - iv. The young female pastor preaches very well.
  - v. Denilson bought my youngest daughter a blue Toyota car.
- c. Analyse the above sentences into their sentence components (S, V, O, C, A), by underlining the appropriate sections of the sentences (15 marks):

**Question 2 (20 marks)**

- a. Explain the difference between **open class words** and **closed system words**, providing examples from the English language (15 marks).
- b. Show how English **personal pronouns** are closed system words (5 marks).

**Question 3 (20 marks)**

- a. Explain, providing examples, **three syntactic functions of capital letters** in the English language (10 marks).
- b. What is **number**? Show the ways in which English nouns mark number (10 marks).

**Question 4 (20 marks)**

- a. Distinguish between **intensive verbs** and **intransitive verbs** in English (5 marks).
- b. When is an English verb **transitive**? Are there any differences between **ditransitive** and **complex-transitive** verbs in English (10 marks).
- c. What is **tense**? How is it marked in English? (5 marks)