

UNIVERSITY OF SWAZILAND
SUPPLEMENATRY 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 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 **systematic** (10 marks).
 - ii. The relationship between **graphological marks** and **sentence types** in the English language (10 marks).
- b. Identify the type of verbs underlined in the sentences below (5 marks).
- i. Sandiswa smiles broadly.
 - ii. The Archbishop made Mr Maseko his coordinator in the parish.
 - iii. Anele is now a lecturer at Mbabane Institute.
 - iv. Mrs Haasthrup eats oranges daily.
 - v. The Chief gave Miss Manzini a bag of apples in the morning.
- 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. What are the characteristics of **open class words** in English? (10 marks)
- b. How will you justify the inclusion of **English nouns** in the open class? Provide a detailed classification of English noun types to illustrate your answer. (10 marks).

Question 3 (20 marks)

- a. Write an essay on English **transitive verbs**. Provide examples (10 marks).
- b. Is it true that the English language has only **two tenses**? Justify your answer with detailed examples (10 marks).

Question 4 (20 marks)

- a. Explain the terms **number**, **gender** and **case** as morphological features of the English noun (10 marks).
- b. How is **case** marked in the English personal pronouns? Provide examples (10 marks).