

UNIVERSITY OF SWAZILAND
SUPPLEMENTARY EXAMINATION

JULY 2010

- TITLE OF PAPER: INTRODUCTION TO MORPHOLOGY AND SYNTAX
- COURSE CODE: ENG 202
- TIME ALLOWED: TWO (2) HOURS
- INSTRUCTIONS:
1. This paper has four (4) questions, and Two pages.
 2. Question 1 is compulsory.
 3. Choose one other question from Question 2 to Question 4.
 4. Question 1 is worth forty (40) marks and Questions 2-4 are worth twenty (20) marks.
 5. The presentation of answers should follow linguistic conventions and appropriate language structures.
 6. Good language will attract credit.

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Question 1 (Compulsory)

(a) Discuss how substitution and movement tests determine a phrase structure. Illustrate your answer with relevant examples. (10 marks)

(b) State the word-formation processes that have been used to form the following words:

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| (i) accidental | (2 marks) |
| (ii) students | (2 marks) |
| (iii) tooth-ache | (2 marks) |
| (iv) UNICEF | (2 marks) |
| (v) motel | (2 marks) |
- [10 marks]

(c) Explain the following:

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| (i) morpheme | (1 mark) |
| (ii) allomorph | (1 mark) |
| (iii) lexeme | (1 mark) |
| (iv) stem | (1 mark) |
| (v) root | (1 mark) |
- [5 marks]

(d) Draw phrase structure trees for the following sentences:

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| (i) The Librarian questioned the borrower of my mysteries. | (7 marks) |
| (ii) The grey rabbit greeted them. | (4 marks) |
| (iii) The criminal paid heavily with his life. | (4 marks) |

[40 marks]

Question 2

Allomorphs are said to be grammatically and phonologically determined. Discuss.

[20 marks]

Question 3

Discuss in detail the classification of sentences by function/structural type. Use at least four types.

[20 marks]

Question 4

(a) State the type of each of the following sentences:

- (i) Buy a rabbit! (2 marks)
- (ii) He was killed by his own dogs. (2 marks)
- (iii) My husband did buy me a present. (2 marks)
- (iv) It was a gold ring that my husband bought. (2 marks)
- (v) The wedding was cancelled. (2 marks)

(b) What is the function of the following sentences?

- (i) Imperative sentence (2 marks)
- (ii) Passive sentence (2 marks)
- (iii) Pseudo-cleft (2 marks)
- (iv) Emphatic sentence (2 marks)
- (v) Cleft sentence (2 marks)

[20 marks]