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FINAL EXAMINATION PAPER - MAY 2014

B.A DEGREE

TITLE OF PAPER **LINGUISTIC ANALYSIS OF THE MAIN
LANGUAGE 1V**

COURSE NUMBER: **AL411/IDE-AL411**

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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GRANTED BY THE INVIGILATOR**

SECTION A

Answer TWO Questions from this Section

QUESTION 1

- a) With the aid of examples explain the four different types of adverbs in siSwati. (10 marks)
 - b) Explain fully the derivation of locatives from the noun. (15 marks)
- [25 MARKS]**

QUESTION 2

- a) What is meant by the term 'primitive conjunctive'? (5 marks)
 - b) Give three primitive conjunctives (3 marks)
 - c) Use each of the conjunctives you have given in (b) above in three different sentences. In the first sentence the conjunctive should be at the beginning of a sentence, in the second sentence the conjunctive should be in the middle of the sentence, and in the third sentence the conjunctive should be at the end of the sentence. (3 marks)
 - d) Now explain which two different ideas the conjunctive connects in each of the sentences you have constructed in (c) above. (6 marks)
 - e) Using appropriate examples explain fully the influencing and non-influencing conjunctives (8 marks)
- [25 MARKS]**

QUESTION 3

Using two (2) examples in each case, discuss five (5) characteristics of onomatopoeic ideophones (tifutamsindvo and tifutasento) in siSwati. Make sure that in each case the first example indicates an ideophone that imitates sound while the second example indicates an ideophone that imitates action)

[25 MARKS]

QUESTION 4

- a) With the aid of examples define the vocative. (5 marks)
- b) With the aid of examples discuss any five uses and significance of the vocatives. (15 marks)
- c) Discuss fully the similarities between the interjective and the imperative in siSwati. Illustrate your answers with appropriate examples.(5 marks)

[25 MARKS]**SECTION B***Answer TWO Questions from this Section.***QUESTION 5**

- a) What is meant by syntactically based grammar, give appropriate examples. (5 Marks)
- b) What is meant by semantically based grammar, illustrate your answer with examples. (5 Marks)
- c) With the aid of examples from English, discuss the structure of Filmore's case grammar (15 Marks)

[25 MARKS]**QUESTION 6**

With reference to Prideaux (1985) discuss any four major concerns of syntax.

[25 MARKS]

QUESTION 7

Discuss fully the formation, use and significance of the **Wh-type** of questions in siSwati.

[25 MARKS]

QUESTION 8

Critically discuss **either** the behaviorist **or** the nativist approach to language acquisition.

[25 MARKS]