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FINAL EXAMINATION PAPER - DEC 2015
B.A DEGREE

TITLE OF PAPER : **LINGUISTIC ANALYSIS OF THE MAIN LANGUAGE
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COURSE NUMBER: **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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SECTION A

Answer TWO Questions from this Section

QUESTION 1: The Adverb

- a) The Locative inversion can be derived by using different formatives. With the aid of examples discuss any three of these formatives showing how they differ from each other in terms of structure and use. (6 marks)
- b) Explain fully how the locative is derived from the following:
 - i) nouns of class 1a (5 marks)
 - ii) quantitative pronoun (4 marks)
 - iii) the relative derived from verbs (5 marks)
 - iv) nouns from class 3 to 15 (5 marks)

[25 MARKS]

QUESTION 2: The Ideophone

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 3: The Conjunctive

- a) Discuss fully the two types of conjunctives in siSwati (primitive versus the derived) (5 marks)
- b) Discuss fully five different semantic functions of the conjunctive, giving appropriate examples wherever possible. (15 marks)
- c) Using appropriate examples, explain how the conjunctive can be inflected to form copulatives. (5 marks)

[25 MARKS]

QUESTION 4: The Interjective

- a) Using traditional grammar, define an interjective. (5 marks)
- b) With the aid of examples, discuss fully the type of interjectives called vocatives focusing mainly on its derivation and use. (20 marks)

[25 MARKS]

SECTION B

MISCELLANEOUS TOPIC

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 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]