

UNIVERSITY OF SWAZILAND

FINAL EXAMINATION PAPER - DEC 2012

B.A DEGREE

TITLE OF PAPER : LINGUISTIC ANALYSIS OF THE MAIN LANGUAGE 111

COURSE NUMBER: AL410/IDE-AL410

TIME ALLOWED: THREE (3) HOURS

INSTRUCTIONS:

1. ANSWER FOUR (4) QUESTIONS IN ALL
2. ANSWER TWO QUESTIONS FROM EACH SECTION
3. ANSWERS SHOULD BE ADEQUATELY ILLUSTRATED, BRIEF AND PRECISE.
4. LINGUISTIC EXPRESSIONS AND FORMALISMS SHOULD BE USED WHEREVER APPROPRIATE
5. MARKS WILL BE DEDUCTED FOR UNTIDY WORK, WRONG SPELLING AND UNGRAMMATICAL SENTENCES
6. ALL EXAMPLES SHOULD BE GLOSSED.

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SECTION A

THE VERB

Answer any TWO Questions from this Section

QUESTION 1

With the aid of examples from siSwati discuss fully the classification of the verb radical on the basis of morphology and explain the linguistic significance of this classification

[25 MARKS]

QUESTION 2

- a) What does the causative extension mean. Illustrate your answer. (5 Marks)
- b) With the aid of examples from siSwati explain how the causative construction is derived. (20 Marks)

[25 MARKS]

QUESTION 3

- a) What do we mean by the term DOC? (5 marks)
- b) With the aid of examples from siSwati critically discuss any two of Hyman and Duranti (1982) parameters for determining object properties in Bantu languages. (20 marks)

[25 MARKS]

QUESTION 4

- a) Using examples from siSwati explain the following concepts.
- i) simple implication
 - ii) exclusive implication
 - iii) progressive implication (9 Marks)
- b) Explain the difference both in structure and in meaning between the exclusive and the progressive implications (6 Marks)
- c) With the aid of examples from siSwati explain how the progressive implication of the present tense, negative, of the potential mood is formed., (10 Marks)

[25 MARKS]

SECTION B

THE COPULATIVE

Answer **any TWO** Questions from this Section

QUESTION 5

- a) Define the copulative (5 Marks)
- b) Using appropriate examples from siSwati, prove that the copulative is in complementary distribution with the verb. (5 Marks)
- c) Discuss fully the derivation of the copulative from the noun (15 Marks)

[25 MARKS]

QUESTION 6

With the aid of examples from siSwati discuss fully any two of the following copulative constructions paying special attention to (i) the relationship between subject and complement and (ii) the syntactic structure of the construction;

- a) the identification type
- b) the descriptive type
- c) the associative type

[25 MARKS]

QUESTION 7

The copulative can be formed from the Qualificative. Using two examples in each case, explain how the copulative can be formed from all the four types of Qualificatives.

[25 MARKS]

QUESTION 8

Like verbs, the copulative can be inflected for mood. Give a table of the indicative mood, present tense, positive, progressive implication from the first person to class 15 and then explain how you have formed it.

[25 MARKS]