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- TITLE OF PAPER** : LINGUISTIC ANALYSIS OF THE MAIN LANGUAGE 111
- COURSE CODE** : ALL 307
- TIME ALLOWED** : THREE (3) HOURS
- INSTRUCTIONS** :
1. ANSWER FOUR QUESTIONS IN TOTAL
  2. ANSWER TWO QUESTIONS FROM EACH SECTION
  3. ANSWERS SHOULD BE ADEQUATELY ILLUSTRATED
  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 TWO QUESTIONS FROM THIS SECTION

#### QUESTION 1

With the aid of examples from siSwati, fully discuss the classification of the verbs on the basis of morphology and clearly explain the linguistic significance of such a classification.

[25 marks]

#### QUESTION 2

- a) Discuss the applied extension in terms of form and meaning. [ 5 marks]
- b) What are the similarities between the causative and applied extensions? [5 marks]
- c) Using Sibanda and Mthembu's (1996) analysis, derive the following surface structure from its deep structure

Hlaleleni ufunela umntfwana sidzandzane.

[15 marks]

#### QUESTION 3

- a) Using the verb radical /sukum-/ tabulate a verbal conjugation in the participial mood from the first person to the fifteenth class using the following:

- i) Remote past tense [ 5 marks]
- ii) Perfective [5 marks]
- iii) Positive [5 marks]
- iv) Exclusive implication. [5 marks]

- b) Explain how you have formed the participial mood from these implications. [5 marks]

## SECTION B – THE COPULATIVE

### ANSWER TWO QUESTIONS FROM THIS SECTION

#### QUESTION 4

- a) With the aid of examples, discuss the differences between the descriptive and the associative copulative

[10 marks]

- b) Explain how the copulative is formed from the following parts of speech

- i) Locatives

[5 marks]



ii) Adverbs

[5marks]

iii) Nouns

[5marks]

### QUESTION 5

a) What do you understand by mood in siSwati?

[5 marks]

b) List the types of moods that are in siSwati.

[5 marks]

c) Choose any mood among those you have listed above and discuss it in terms of:

i) Meaning

[5 marks]

ii) Identification

[5 marks]

iii) How it forms the negative in the present tense

[5 marks]

### QUESTION 6

Consider the following sentence and answer the questions that follow:

Nanguya thishela.

a) What type of copulative is the underlined word?

[ 2 marks]

b) What position does it indicate?

[ 2marks]

c) Give the list of copulatives that are found in various classes that belong to the position you gave in b) above.

[8 marks]

d) Write sentences that have the following characteristics

i) A copulative that is formed from the noun of class 7/8 singular. [ 2 marks]

ii) A copulative that is formed from a noun of class 9/10 singular. [ 2 marks]

iii) A copulative formed from a noun of class 3/4 singular. [ 2 marks]

iv) A copulative formed from a non-verbal relative stem [ 2 marks]

e) How is the copulative you gave in 1 c) iv) formed?

[5 marks]