UNIVERSITY OF ESWATINI

FINAL EXAMINATION PAPER: AUGUST 2020

B.A. DEGREE

TITLE OF PAPER:

Topics in Applied Linguistics

COURSE NUMBER:

ALL408

TIME ALLOWED:

THREE (3) HOURS

INSTRUCTIONS:

1. ANSWER FOUR (4) QUESTIONS IN ALL.

2. CHOOSE TWO (2) QUESTIONS FROM

SECTION A.

3. CHOOSE TWO (2) QUESTIONS FROM

SECTION B.

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SECTION A

Choose two (2) questions from this section.

Question 1

- i) Define classifier constructions in both natural sign languages and spoken languages (10 marks).
- ii) Name and describe two (2) classifiers in any two (2) natural sign languages (12).
- iii) Give three (3) examples of classifiers in any natural sign language. (3 marks).

[Total=25 marks]

Question 2

- i) Describe pronominalization in natural sign languages (6 marks).
- ii) Describe pronominalization in English (6 marks).
- iii) How does pronominalization in natural sign languages differ from pronominalization in English in terms of gender (3 marks)?
- iv) How is the difference you described in (iii) related to the difference between the visual mode of communication and the audial mode (10 marks)?

[Total=25 marks]

Question 3

- i) Describe three (3) verb types found in all natural sign languages (15 marks).
- ii) Describe how these three (3) verb classes differ from each other semantically and morphologically (10 marks).

[Total=25 marks]

SECTION B

Choose two (2) questions from this section.

Question 4

i) Define pidgin and creole languages (10 marks).

ii) Describe the relationship between these two (2) types of languages (5 marks).

iii) Describe the similarities between natural sign languages and pidgin and creole languages (10 marks).

[Total=25 marks]

Question 5

Define five (5) of the following terms:

- i) natural sign language
- ii) language planning
- iii) contact language
- iv) referential loci
- v) iconicity
- vi) DEAF-WORLD

[Total=25 marks]

Question 6

i) Describe the difference between deaf and Deaf (6 marks).

Describe the difference between the medical view of deafness and the cultural view (6 marks).

iii) Describe two (2) misconceptions about natural sign language (10 marks).

iv) Name three (3) natural sign languages (3 marks).

[Total=25 marks]

END OF QUESTION PAPER