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CENTRE: MAIN

COURSE CODE: ALN 801

COURSE TITLE: MORPHOLOGY

EXAM VENUE:

STREAM: MA LINGUISTICS

DATE:

EXAM SESSION:

TIME: 3 HOURS

Instructions:

- 1. Answer question 1(compulsory) and ANY other 2 questions.**
- 2. Candidates are advised not to write on the question paper.**
- 3. Candidates must hand in their answer booklets to the invigilator while in the examination room.**

QUESTION ONE (COMPULSORY)

a. Consider the following data from an indigenous language in Australia

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| 1. ngabendung | I will chastise them. |
| 2. ngunebandong | You two will strike them. |
| 3. nganebenmang | We two will get them. |
| 4. ngarrbenduy | We chastised them. |
| 5. ngurrbendung | You lot will chastise them. |
| 6. nganebendoy | We two struck them. |

- i) Write a lexicon. (8 marks)
- ii) What is the order of types of morphemes in the word? (2 marks)

b. Consider the following data (Sierra Popoluca) (12 marks)

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|-----------|-------------|-----|----------|----------------|
| 1. tək | house | 9) | antək | my house |
| 2. petkuy | broom | 10) | ampetkuy | my broom |
| 3. meme | butterfly | 11) | ammeme | my butterfly |
| 4. hepe | cup | 12) | anhepe | my cup |
| 5. kawah | horse | 13) | aŋkawah | my horse |
| 6. nɔyi | name | 14) | annɔyi | my name |
| 7. suuŋ | cooking pot | 15) | ansuuŋ | my cooking pot |
| 8. ʃapun | soap | 16) | aŋʃapun | my soap |

- i) Write a lexicon. (5 marks)
- ii) Write rules describing the allomorphic variations in the forms of any of the morphemes. (5 marks)

QUESTION TWO

Citing relevant examples explain the following terms as used in morphology. (20marks)

- i) Lexeme
- ii) Word
- iii) Morpheme
- iv) Root
- v) Base
- vi) Stem

QUESTION THREE

Using examples from at least three (3) languages, discuss the constituent structure of words. (20 marks)

QUESTION FOUR

Discuss the following morphophonemic processes. (20 marks)

- i) Prosodic morphology
- ii) Templatic morphology

QUESTION FIVE

With examples, describe how the following morphological processes operate. (20 marks)

- i) Cliticisation
- ii) Conversion