

NATIONAL UNIVERSITY OF LESOTHO

B.A. /B.Ed. SUPPLEMENTARY EXAMINATIONS

ALL 202-2: INTRODUCTION TO MORPHOLOGY

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MARKS:75

TIME: 3 HOURS

Answer **ANY THREE** questions.

- Questions asked in Sesotho should be answered in Sesotho and those in English be answered in English.
- One may start with **ANY** question but questions should be properly numbered.
- All questions carry equal marks.

Question 1

- (a) Mention and explain three properties used to classify words. (6)
- (b) Give three meaning implications of the descriptive possessive and an example for each implication. (6)
- (c) What criteria are used in the classification of Sesotho nouns? (3)
- (d) Define the term 'Morphology' and explain the three areas that are studied in this field. (6)
- (e) Provide and explain two morphological criteria used to define the concept 'word'. (4)

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Question 2

- (a) Show the internal structure of the following words on a tree structure:
 - (i) maliba-matšo
 - (ii) bona
 - (iii) lefikeng
 - (iv) ntloana-tšoana
 - (iv) tauhali(15)
- (b) Explain the following linguistic terms and provide relevant Sesotho examples:
 - (a) compounding (2)
 - (b) root (2)
 - (c) affix (2)
 - (d) complex words (2)
 - (e) qualificative (2)(10)

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Question 3

- (a)
 - (i) A k'u hlahlobe sehloai 'me u fane ka lintlha tse tharo tse ka u thusang ho hlalohanya sehloai-kotloloho ho sehloai-potoloho. (6)
 - (ii) U ipapisitse le tatellano ea mantsoe (word-order), bontša phapano lipakeng tsa sephafi le seemeli-phafu. (6)
 - (iii) Fana ka mefuta ea liphafi e sebelisang Kutu /-ngoe~ng/. (3)
- (b) Hlahloba Lesupa u ipapisitse le lintlha tse sebelisoang ha ho hlahlojoa sephafi 'me u fane ka maikutlo a hau hore na le ka nkoa e le sephafi kapa che. Tšehetsa ntlha-kemo ea hau ka mabaka le mehlala. (10)

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Question 4

- (a) Discuss the traditional criteria used to differentiate between derivational and inflectional affixes and then suggest whether Sesotho nominal prefixes could be regarded as inflectional or derivational. (12)
 - (b) Give five meaning implications of the descriptive possessive in Sesotho. (10)
 - (c) Mention three types of affixes that are not found in Sesotho. (3)
- (25)**

Question 5

- (a) “Reduplication resembles compounding”. Comment (9)
- (b) Give information on whether the following words resulted from Derivation or inflection. Provide reasons for your answer.
 - (a) morena –moreneng (2)
 - (b) khomo – likhomo (2)
 - (c) thipa - ka thipa (2)
 - (d) mosali – basali (2)
 - (e) tenya - botenya (2)(10)
- (c) Mention three functions of a noun in Sesotho and give an example in each function. (6) **(25)**