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**EXAMINATION FOR THE AWARD OF DEGREE OF BACHELOR OF ARTS**

**ENGL 354: COMPARATIVE BANTU LANGUAGE STUDIES**

**STREAMS:**

**TIME: 2 HOURS**

**DAY/DATE: TUESDAY 19/12/2023**

**11.30 A.M. – 1.30 P.M.**

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**INSTRUCTIONS**

- **Answer three questions**
- **Question one is compulsory**

1. a) Distinguish between synchronic and diachronic study of language. (8 marks)  
b) Discuss the features of proto Bantu. (10 marks)  
c) Explain any six reasons that necessitate language change. (12 marks)
  2. a) Expound on the concept of linguistic Universals as used in comparative linguistics. (20 marks)  
b) Highlight the concerns of comparative Linguistics. (10 marks)
  3. a) Expound on the morphological characteristics of Bantu languages. (10 marks)  
b) Highlight the syntactic properties of Bantu languages. (10 marks)
  4. Explain the history and classifications of Bantu languages. (20 marks)
  5. a) Explain how comparative reconstruction of proto languages e.g. Proto Bantu is carried out. (10 marks)  
b) Highlight the different types of languages change that are witnessed in the course of language development. (10 marks)
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