

## Entrance test questions- Linguistics

The question paper is for 40 marks, and it will be scaled up to 70.

### A- Your language data

1. Write properly glossed linguistic data from any language to match the following English sentences. [20]

Sample- Language Bangla

i. lali doud-o-e

lali run-present-habitual-3p

lali runs

2. Explain the manner in which different tense and aspect marked in the language? [10]

- i. Lali runs
- ii. Lali used to run
- iii. Lali is running
- iv. Lali was running
- v. Lali will be running
- vi. Lali has run
- vii. Lali had run
- viii. Lali will have run
- ix. Lali will have had run
- x. Lali was made to run

### B- Swahili data

Assuming that the Underlying Representation of the plural affix is  $\tilde{n}$ -, answer the following questions.

Singular	Plural	Gloss
ubao	mbao	plank
ubawa	mbawa	wing
udevu	ndevu	facial hair
ugava	gava	net
ugwe	gwe	string

1. The allomorphs of the plural morpheme undergo phonological assimilation with respect to:- [1]

- i. Manner of articulation
- ii. Place of articulation
- iii. Voicing
- iv. Sonorancy

Singular	Plural	Gloss
uwati	mbati	hut pole
uwanda	mbanda	open place
uwi gu	mbi gu	heaven

2. What is the UR for noun meaning *hut pole*? Explain the reason for your choice. [2]

- i. uwati
- ii. ubati
- iii. wati

iv. bati

Singular	Plural	Gloss
wabati	ñabati	season
wavu	ñavu	net
wayo	ñayo	footprint
wembe	ñembe	razor
wimbo	ñimbo	song

3. What is the Underlying Representation for the noun meaning *season*? Explain your choice. [5]

- i. wabati
- ii. wawati
- iii. abati
- iv. bati

Adjectives in Swahili agree with the noun head noun.

uwati mzuri	good hut pole	usinga mrefu	long hair
mbati nzuri	good hut poles	siṅga ndefu	long hairs
mbati ndefu thano	five long hut poles	siṅga ndefu thatu	three long hairs
		siṅga ndefu thatu zile	those three long hairs

4. Use your knowledge of Swahili to deduce the meaning of the following:- [2]

mbati ndefu thano zile zilifika

- i. Those five long hut poles are arriving
- ii. That five long hut poles are arriving
- iii. Those five long hut poles have arrived
- iv. Those five long hut poles arrived