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FIRST YEAR EXAMINATION FOR THE AWARD OF THE
DEGREE OF MASTER OF ARTS IN LINGUISTICS
SECOND SEMESTER 2021/2022
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LING 823: MORPHOLOGICAL THEORIES

STREAM: Y1S2

TIME: 3 HOURS

DAY: WEDNESDAY, 8.00 – 11.00 AM

DATE: 27/04/2022

INSTRUCTIONS

- 1. Do not write anything on this question paper.***
- 2. Answer Question ONE and any other THREE Questions.***

QUESTION ONE

Discuss the indeterminacy surrounding the definition of the concept word.
(20marks)

QUESTION TWO

Discuss the major claims of the Lexicalist Hypothesis.
(20marks)

QUESTION THREE

Using appropriate illustrations from the Bantu verb, describe any five inflectional categories of the verb.
(20marks)

QUESTION FOUR

Morphological processes could either be concatenative or non-concatenative. Explain using appropriate illustrations.
(20marks)

QUESTION FIVE

How does Derivational morphology differ from inflectional morphology?
(20marks)

QUESTION SIX

Using affixation, explain how morphemes are realized and labelled in word forms.
(20marks)