

LING 312: HISTORICAL AND COMPARATIVE LINGUISTICS

MAIN EXAM

QUESTION ONE: COMPULSORY (30marks)

- a) Explain the following concepts
- i. Comparative linguistics
 - ii. Language family
 - iii. Proto-language
 - iv. Lexicostatistics
 - v. Glottochronology

SECTION B: answer any two questions

QUESTION TWO

Discuss any two methodologies used in comparative linguistics

QUESTION THREE

With the use of relevant examples, explain how mass comparison method works in comparative linguistics

QUESTION FOUR

Discuss the notion 'language change' 20 marks

QUESTION FIVE

Using examples from two African languages of your choice, show how cognates can be used to indicate relatedness between the two languages.