

**Phonetics and Morphology in the Ababda tribe's dialect  
Red Sea Governorat  
A study in the light of the descriptive approach**

MA. Thesis

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**MA. Summary**

The **study of dialects** has become of great importance during the current century in both Europe and the United States of America. As to the Arab World the study of dialects first started with the Contributions of the Orientalists and later by the arab linguists who followed suit since the Arabic academic have recognized the importance of the study of dialects. From this point of departure the present research has dealt with the dialects of ABABDA, used by a tribe which lives at the joint Egyptian-Sudanese borders.

The research is based on the **descriptive method** to investigate two linguistic levels synchronically, namely, the dialects' speech sounds and its word structure, in an attempt to specify the dialects governing rules concerning these two levels.

The thesis falls into an introduction, a preface, two chapters and a conclusion.

The **introduction** deals with the subject of study, the method of research and the aim of the research. Besides, the difficulties encountered during the study were also included.

The **preface** represents an essential part of the study. The importance of the study of dialects is emphasized, the historical origin of the tribe is pointed out, the geographical boundaries with which the tribe lives are delimited and the tribes' enigmatic social life has been revealed. Last but not least the qualifications which decided the choice of the right information are stated.

**Chapter one** falls into three sections. The first one deals with the tribes' speech sounds phonetically. The second section deals with the dialects' word structure, while the third deals with certain intonational aspects of the tribe.

**Chapter two** falls into three sections too. The first section is devoted to the investigation of the regular morphological matters while the second is devoted to the investigation of the irregular ones. The third section deals with the dialects particles.

**The conclusion** contain the most important results achieved by the research at its different parts. A list of the references is mentioned and the appendices are added. The first contains a list of the foreign terms used in the text. The second contains an exemplary list of a number of vocabulary items chosen from the dialect, while the third contains texts chosen from the different geographical research areas.