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`	low tone
´	high tone
Ø	zero marked (unmarked)
#	word boundary (in chapter 3)
=	clitic boundary
$	syllable boundary (in chapter 3)
1	first person
2	second person
3	third person
3MSG	third-person masculine singular
3FSG	third-person feminine singular
A	Akhnimic (Coptic dialect)
A	aorist
A	class a of verbs (Ts'amakko, Dhaasanac)
ABL	ablative
ABS	'absolutive' = unmarked case
ACC	accusative
AD	preverbal particle *ad* 'NON-REALIZED'
ADJ	adjective
ADJP	adjectival phrase
ADVST	adversative
AFF	affected (Chadic)
AFF	affirmative (Omotic)
Akk	Akkadian
ALL	allative
ANAPH	anaphora
ANN	annex
ANNEX	annexed state
AOR	aorist
APPL	applicative
Ar.	Arabic
ASSC	associative
ASSOC	associative
AT	'at'
ATR	Advanced Tongue Root
ATT	attributive
AUX	auxiliary
AWAY	motion away (verbal extension)
B	Bohairic (Coptic dialect)
B	class b of verbs (Ts'amakko, Dhaasanac)
BCKG	background

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BGND	background
C	consonant
C_I	first consonant
CAUS	causative
C_F	final consonant
CN	connector
CNTQW	content question word
CNV	converb
COLL	collective
COM	comitative
COM	comment clause marker
com	common
COMP	complementizer
COMPL	complementizer
COMPL	completive
COMT	comitative
CON	construct case
CON	converb
CONJ	conjunction
CONS	consecutive
CONST	construct-state
COORD	coordinative
COP	copula
D	demonstrative
D	dependent
D.PROG	dependent progressive
D.PVG	distal point of view of goal (Chadic)
DAT	dative
DEC	declarative
DECL	declarative
DED	deduced referent
DEF	definite
DEF.ART	definite article
DEM	demonstrative
DEM1	first degree of distance (proximal) demonstrative
DEP	dependent
DEST	destination
DEST	destinative extension
DET	determiner
DF	definite
DIR	directional
DIST	distal deixis
DO	direct object
DP	determiner phrase
DS	different subject
DST	distal (demonstrative)
dtrm	determinate
DU	dual
DUR	durational
EI	habitual past (Dahalo)
EA	annexed state (*état d'annexion*)
EE	end-of-event marker
EL	free state (*état libre*)
EMPH	emphasis
EP	epenthetic
ES	Ethiopian Semitic
EXCL	exclusive
EXPEC	expectational
EXT	existential
EXT	extension
F	Faiyumic (Coptic dialect)
F	feminine
FEM	feminine
fgenc	foregrounding-enclitic
FIN	final
FM	focus marker
FOC	focus
FOR	'for'
FREQ	frequentative
FROM	'from'
FUT	future
GEN	genitive
GER	gerund
GO	goal
gr	grade (Hausa)
H	high tone
H	Huehnergard (1997) (in chapter 4)
HAB	habitual
Hebr.	Hebrew

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HEC	Highland East Cushitic	IRR	irrealis
HON	honorific	ITER	iterative extension
HUM	unspecified human subject	JUSS	jussive
		L	low tone
HYP	hypothetical	L	Lycopocitan (Coptic dialect)
I	imperfective		
ICAUS	indirect causative	Late Eg.	Late Egyptian
ICP	Intransitive Copy Pronoun	LOC	locative
		LOG	logophoric pronoun
IDEO	ideophone	M	masculine
IMP	imperative	MAN	Mood-Aspect-Negation
IMPER	imperative	MASC	masculine
imperf	imperfect	MED	medial (function similar to that of 'converb')
IMPERS	impersonal		
IMPF	Imperfective	MED	middle voice
IMPFV	imperfective	MID	middle
IMPS	impersonal	MOD	modifier
IMPT	imperative	MR	multiple reference
IMPTV	imperative	MSA	Modern South Arabian
IN	'in'	N	neuter = plural
IN	negative imperfective	N	nominal form
INC	inceptive	NEG	negative
INCEPT	inceptive	negenc	negative-enclitic
INCL	inclusive	NFS	non-factual stem
INCLU	inclusive	NMZ	nominalizer
IND	indicative	NOM	nominalizing marker
INDEF	indefinite	NOM	nominative
INDEF.ART	indefinite article	NONDEF	non-definite pronoun
INDEP	independent	NORM	normative
INF	infinitive	NP	noun phrase
INN	inner space (verbal extension)	NUM	number
		O	object
INST	instrumental	OBJ	object
INT	intensive	obl	oblique
INTENS	intensifier	old Eg.	Old Egyptian
INTER	interrogative	OPT	optative
INTERJ	interjection	OSA	Old South Arabian
INTJ	interjection	OUT	movement out extension
INV	inverse		
IO	indirect object	P	Perfective (Berber)
IPF	imperfective	P	person
IPS	impersonal	P, (P)	plural (of gender)

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P	predicate
P2	secondary perfective (Berber)
PART	participle
PART	partitive
PAS	passive
PASS	passive
PAST	past
PCPL	participle
PER	perfect
PERF	perfect
PF	perfective
PL	plural
PLUR	plural
PN	Negative Perfective (Berber)
PN	personal name
PNCT	punctual
PNG	person/number/gender
PO	potential
POL	polite
POS	point of view of the subject
POS	possessive
POSS	possessive
PRE.PRO	prepronominal marker
PRED	(locative) predicator (Chadic)
PRED	predicative
PRED	predicative particle *d* (Berber)
PREP	preposition
PRES	present
PRET	preterite
PRF	perfective
PRO	(independent)-pronoun
PROG	progressive
PROH	prohibitive
PRON	pronoun
PROSP	prospective
PROX	proximal
PST	past
PTC	participle
PURP	purpose
PVG	point of view of goal
Q	question
QUANT	quantifier
QUES	question
R	remote deixis
R	verbal root
RDP	reduplication
REAS	reason
REC.PAST	recent past
RECIP	reciprocal
REF	referential
REFL	reflexive
REL	relative
REM	remote deixis
S	Sahidic
S	singular
S	subject
S3	third-person subject
SBJ	subject
SBJN	subjunctive
SCL	subject clitic
Sem.	Semitic
SENT	sentence marker (Ts'amakko)
SEQ	sequential
SEQUEN	sequential
SET	setting
SFX	suffix
SG	singular
SGLTV	singulative
SH	short (Omotic)
SING	singular
SO	source/subject orientation
SPEC	specified
SS	same subject
STAT	stative
STR	strong
SUBJ	subject

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SUBJ	subjunctive (Chadic)	UH	unspecified human
T	target		subject
T	tense	UNM	unmarked tense
TAM	tense, aspect, or mood		(Ts'amakko)
	marker	UP	movement upward
TEMP	temporal		extension
TENT	tentative extension	V	verb
TO	'to'	V	vowel
TOG	'together'	V_1	first vowel
TOP	topic	VEN	ventive
TOT	totality extension	VN	verbal noun
TQ	question about truth	VOC	vocative

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