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**EXAMINATION FOR THE AWARD OF DEGREE OF BACHELOR OF EDUCATION  
ARTS**

**ENGL 421: ADVANCED SYNTAX**

**STREAMS: BED (ARTS) PART TIME**

**TIME: 2 HOURS**

**DAY/DATE: MONDAY 29/03/2021**

**8.30 A.M. – 10.30 A.M.**

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**INSTRUCTIONS:**

- **Answer THREE questions only.**
- **Question ONE is compulsory.**

1. (a) Consider the sentence ‘The students held the meeting in the hall’  
Draw the structure of a VP showing its head, specified and complement.(8 marks)
  - (b) Provide word structures for the following phrases (6 marks)
    - (i) An NP with a demonstrative as a specifier
    - (ii) AdjP with a PP as a complement
    - (iii) An NP with a noun clauses as a complement
  - (c) Using binding principles explain the ambiguity in the following sentence (4 marks)  
‘Moses said that he will visit the children’
  - (d) Assign indices to the sentence to disambiguate it. (4 marks)
  - (e) Show the merge process involved in the formation of the following sentence (8 marks)  
‘The president will talk to the congregation.’
2. (a) Using suitable examples discuss the following (12 marks)
    - (i) One place predicate
    - (ii) Two place predicates
    - (iii) Three place predicates

- (b) Showing the merge process involved in the formation of the following structure.  
“The window was broken” (8 marks)
3. Subjects are generated internally within the VP. Support this hypothesis using
- (i) Floating quantifiers
  - (ii) Subjects in Belfast English (20 marks)
4. (a) Differentiate between an internal and external argument in a sentence. (6 marks)
- (b) Describe **seven** theta roles giving suitable illustrations. (14 marks)
5. (a) Discuss the notion of case from a minimalist perspective. (8 marks)
- (b) Using binding principles and the notion of C- command discuss why the following structures are ill formed.
- (i) James(i) hit him(i) on the head
  - (ii) Mary(i) said Janet(j) likes herself(i)
  - (iii) The daughter of the (woman)(i) will praise herself(i) (12 marks)
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