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SUPPLEMENTARY EXAM

**FIRST YEAR EXAMINATION FOR THE AWARD OF
BACHELOR OF EDUCATION ARTS**

ENGL 421/414: ADVANCED SYNTAX

STREAMS: BED (ARTS)

TIME: 2 HOURS

DAY/DATE: THURSDAY 12/08/2021

2.30 P.M. – 4.30 P.M.

INSTRUCTIONS:

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

- 1a) Draw the tree diagrams for the following phrases using x-bar notation. (12 marks)
- i) Adjectival Phrase
 - ii) Verb phrase
 - iii) Prepositional phrase
- b) Define the following terms giving clear illustrations. (12 marks)
- i. Complement
 - ii. Head
 - iii. Specifier
- c) Show the merge process involved in the formation of the following sentence. (6 marks)
'The visitors will '
2. Discuss and illustrate two pieces of evidence as proof of VPISH hypothesis. (20 marks)
- 3a.) Define the term theta role (2 marks)
- b.) Discuss six theta roles that can be portrayed by an argument in a sentence giving clear illustrations. (18 Marks)
4. Explain the merger process involved in the derivation of the following passive sentence giving clear illustrations (20 marks)
'The letter was written by the teacher.'

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5a) With clear illustrations, discuss Binding Principle B (10 marks)

b) Assign indices for NP's (noun phrases) in the following sentences (10 marks)

i) Jane said that Mary did the exam herself

ii) James told the children a story
