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EXAMINATION FOR THE AWARD OF DEGREE
OF BACHELOR OF EDUCATION (ARTS)

ENGL 211: INTRODUCTION TO SYNTAX AND MORPHOLOGY

STREAMS: B.ed (arts), BA SB/PT

TIME: 2 HOURS

DAY/DATE: THURSDAY 01/04/2021

8.30 A.M. – 10.30 A.M.

INSTRUCTIONS

- *Answer all questions in section A and any other TWO in section B.*
- *The lecturer values accuracy and cleanliness of expression.*
- *Do not write on the question paper.*

SECTION A: COMPULSORY 30 MARKS

1. A. By use of examples, distinguish between the following (8 marks)
 - (i) Lexical and functional morphology
 - (ii) Derivational and inflectional morphology

B. Some words can be ambiguous, resulting to varying meaning. Using four words, demonstrate how such structural ambiguity can be solved using tree diagrams.

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marks)

C. Distinguish between synthetic languages from Agglutinative languages. (4 marks)

D. Describe four types of morphs. (6 marks)

SECTION B: ANSWER ONLY TWO QUESTIONS FROM THIS SECTION

2. a) Explain the notion of constituency. (3 marks)
- b) Demonstrate your understanding of hierarchical structure of constituents using the following sentences. (9 marks)
- (i) The mischievous boy missed the second CAT
 - (ii) John worked hard and passed his examinations
 - (iii) Stealing public resources leads to dire consequences
- c. Discuss any four tests for constituents. (8 marks)
3. a. Draw tree diagrams to represent the following sentences: (10 marks)
- (i) Susan is sick
 - (ii) Attending lectures and studying regularly leads to good performance.
 - (iii) David and his brother have arrived.
- b. Draw syntactic trees to disambiguate the following sentences: (10 marks)
- (i) Hardworking staff and students are what a university needs to grow.
 - (ii) The tourists admired the beautiful flamingoes and sceneries (6 marks)
4. a) Define the word
- (i) Spell out'
 - (ii) F-morphemes
 - (iii) I-morphemes
- b) Giving examples, explain how the morphemes (a ii & iii) are spelled out. (8 marks)
- c) Describe the role of morphology in syntactic derivation. (6 marks)
5. A. What do you understand by the term (8 marks)
- (i) Syntax
 - (ii) Morph
 - (iii) Allomorph
 - (iv) Affix
- b. Analyse the following sentence morphologically. (6 marks)

- (i) The boy's wilderness shocked the teachers
 - (ii) They pushed the car without any help.
- c. Against each given word, indicate which word formation process was responsible for the formation of the word and provide three more examples: (6 marks)

Word	Process of formation	More examples
Exam		
Opt		
Covid-19		
Smog		
Pageboy		
Cowshed		

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