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

ENGL 421/414: ADVANCED SYNTAX

STREAMS: B.ED (ARTS) (SB)

TIME: 2 HOURS

DAY/DATE: TUESDAY 06/08/2019

11.30 A.M. – 1.30 P.M.

INSTRUCTIONS:

- **Answer three questions only.**
- **Question 1 is compulsory.**

1. (a) Study the following sentences. ‘The students will attend the meeting in the university.’ From the sentence, draw tree diagrams of the following using the X-bar Schema.

(12 marks)

- (i) The subject NP
- (ii) The VP
- (iii) The adjunct

(b) Define the term bare phrase structure and illustrate the sentence ‘The students arrived’ using bare phrase structure. (6 marks)

(c) Differentiate between an internal and external argument in the argument structure of a verb. (6 marks)

(d) Define the following terms giving clear illustrations (6 marks)

- (i) Asymmetrical C-command
- (ii) Antecedent
- (iii) Dominance

2. (a) Discuss various types of predicates giving illustrations. (12 marks)
- (b) Define an unaccusative verb. (3 marks)
- (c) Using a suitable illustration, show the derivation of a sentence with an unaccusative verb. (5 marks)
3. (a) Subjects are generated internally within the VP. Support this statement using two pieces of evidence. (12 marks)
- (b) Show and explain the merger processes involved in the derivation of the following passive structure.
- ‘The students were visited’ (8 marks)
4. (a) Briefly discuss the three binding principles. (10 marks)
- (b) Assign indices for the NPs in the following structure (4 marks)
- (i) James gave Mary flowers
- (ii) Susan hit the dog with a stick
- (c) Explain why the following structures are ill formed using binding principles (6 marks)
- (i) Mar said that Jane likes herself
- (ii) Jame beat hi with a stick
5. (a) Using clear illustrations, differentiate between morphological and abstract case. (8 marks)
- (b) According to the Minimalist Program, movement is dictated by various principles. Discuss. (12 marks)
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