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

ENGL 212: ASPECTS OF GRAMMATICAL ANALYSIS I

STREAMS: BED (ARTS)

TIME: 2 HOURS

DAY/DATE: WEDNESDAY 07/8/2019

11.30 A.M. – 1.30 P.M.

INSTRUCTIONS: Answer THREE questions only

QUESTION ONE (COMPULSORY)

1. (a) Draw the tree diagrams for the following phrases, showing their specifier, head and complement.
 - (i) Noun phrase
 - (ii) Prepositional phrase [12 marks]
- (b) Explain the following terms giving illustrations from the above structures [9 marks]
 - (i) Head
 - (ii) Complement
 - (iii) Maximal projection
- (c) Draw tree diagrams to represent the following using the x-bar notation [9 marks]
 - (i) The children had visited the orphanage
 - (ii) She said that she will address the students
 - (iii) Janet will not come tomorrow
2. (a) Show the merger process involved in the formation of the following sentence 'The children will walk to the market' [6 marks]
- (b) Show the existence of null subjects in English sentence [6 marks]
- (c) Define and illustrate the term 'affix lowering' [8 marks]

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3. (a) Describe the importance of 'Do support' in negative sentences [4 marks]
- (b) Transform the following sentences into yes-no questions, illustrating the process of T-C movement
- (i) James attended the meeting [8 marks]
- (ii) The student will sit for the exam
- (c) Using tree diagrams show the derivation of the following sentences [8 marks]
- (i) What did the students do?
- (ii) Which books are you carrying?
4. (a) Define the following terms, drawing illustrations from the sentences 'James hates himself' [8 marks]
- (i) Anaphor
- (ii) Symmetrical c-command
- (iii) Antecedent
- (iv) Immediate dominance
- (b) Briefly explain Binding Principle A and B giving clear illustration [12 marks]
5. (a) Assign indices for the NPs in the following sentences [4 marks]
- (i) Joshua called the boy himself
- (ii) Joan read the girls a long story
- (b) Explain the ambiguity in the following sentence and assign indices to indicate the two meanings 'James said that he loved playing the piano' [8 marks]
- (c) The following sentences are ill formed. Using either binding principles or the notion of command, explain why the sentences are ill formed [8 marks]
- (i) Janet_i said Maureen_j loves herself;
- (ii) [The parents of the girl]_i may blame himself;
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