



UNIVERSITY EXAMINATIONS

THARAKA UNIVERSITY COLLEGE

EXAMINATION FOR THE AWARD OF DEGREE
OF BACHELOR OF EDUCATION ARTS

ENGL 212: ASPETS OF GRAMMATICAL ANALYSIS

STREAMS: BED (ARTS)

TIME: 2 HOURS

DAY/DATE: MONDAY 02/12/2019

2.30 P.M. – 4.30 P.M.

INSTRUCTIONS: Answer THREE questions in all. Question ONE is Compulsory.

- Q1. (a) Using the notion of C- command, explain why the following structures are informed. [12 marks]
- (i) Advisors of the president may blame himself
 - (ii) I didn't see somebody in the hall
 - (iii) John saw Mary herself
- (b) With examples, explain the notion of deep structure and surface structure as used in generative grammar. [6 marks]
- (c) Assign indices for NPs in these structures [12 marks]
- (i) Musili bought his mother a gift
 - (ii) The dog hurt itself
 - (iv) Joash gave Josiah a balloon
 - (v) Serena hit herself with a hockey stick
- Q2. (a) Identify six modals in English and explain their usage. [12 marks]

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- (b) With examples, discuss passivization as an instance of A- movement in English

[8

marks]

- Q3. (a) Using examples in sentences, discuss case and pronoun system in English.

[12

marks]

- (b) Show the derivation of the following structure in three diagrams. [8 marks]

(i) What might he say?

(ii) Whom did the principal summon?

- Q4. (a) Using four different auxiliaries, show how the auxiliary selects the VP component

[12 marks]

- (b) Draw three diagrams for the underlined parts of the following sentences

[8

marks]

(i) We believe everything works for good

(ii) Murage is extremely happy with the results

(iii) The car plunged right inside the pool

- Q5. (a) Using adequate examples, discuss the binding principles [10 marks]

- (b) Using three sentences of your own, demonstrate T-C movement
