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

ENGL 313: ASPECTS OF GRAMMATICAL ANALYSIS II

STREAMS: BED (ARTS) & BA Y3S1

TIME: 2 HOURS

DAY/DATE: TUESDAY 03/12/2019

2.30 PM – 4.30 PM

INSTRUCTIONS:

ANSWER THREE QUESTIONS. QUESTION ONE IS COMPULSORY

1. (a) Draw the x-bar trees for the underlined phrases [12 marks]
 - (i) The lady seriously looked at the crowd
 - (ii) The undertaker is the best wrestler in the world
 - (iii) James jumped right over the wall
 - (iv) The very smart girl won the competition.

- (b) Study this sentence. *The lady cleaned the house thoroughly.*
 - (i) Draw a tree diagram of the structure [8 marks]
 - (ii) Use suitable words to modify the following parts of the sentence and draw the tree diagrams of the modified phrases. [12 marks]
 - The subject of the sentence
 - The object of the verb
 - The Adverb phrase

2. (a) Draw tree structures and indicate the following elements: Head, Complement, Specifier & Adjunct where applicable
 - (i) The teacher of Linguistics at the University [8 marks]
 - (ii) Very fond of his daughter [7 marks]
 - (iii) Suddenly saw them [5 marks]

3. (i) Construct a tree diagram to show the wh-movement involved in derivation of the following structure:
How did the students know that the VC said that the university would close today? [10 marks]
- (ii) Explain why structures(b) below are ill-formed [10 marks]
- (a) Mary asked what Jane saw at the hospital.
- (b) *Where did Mary ask what Jane saw?
- (a) She bought a new car and a house
- (b) *What did she buy a new car and?
4. (a) Show and explain the merger processes involved in derivation of the following
- (i) *The students have occupied the new hostel* [10 marks]
- (ii) Use the evidence of ‘floating quantifier’ and Belfast English to show the existence of VPISH [10 marks]
5. (a) Show and explain the merger processes involved in the derivation of the following. [10 marks]
- (i) The visitors have arrived (unaccusative verb)
- (ii) The rooms were cleaned (passive verb)
- (b) Draw one tree diagram to show how the following structure is derived. (10 marks)
The child is thought to have disappeared
6. (a) What is the relationship between an argument and a theta role? [2 marks]
- (b) Construct sentences with the following:
- (i) One argument
- (ii) Two arguments
- (iii) Three arguments
- (c) Discuss any four theta/thematic roles with examples. [12 marks]
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