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**EXAMINATION FOR THE AWARD OF DEGREE OF DOCTOR OF PHILOSOPHY  
IN**

**ENGL 911: THEORETICAL SYNTAX**

**STREAMS: PhD (SB)**

**TIME: 3 HOURS**

**DAY/DATE: WEDNESDAY 18/12/2019**

**11.30 A.M. – 2.30 P.M.**

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**INSTRUCTIONS:**

- **Answer THREE questions.**

1. Comment on the nature and form of syntactic theory. (20 marks)
  2. Basing your examples on English and Kiswahili, demonstrate your understanding of Chomsky's Principles and Parameters framework within generative linguistics. (20 marks)
  3. Discuss the concept of binding as it manifests in the English language. (20 marks)
  4. Using suitable examples, demonstrate your understanding of syntactic items that can occur on the periphery of the sentence. (20 marks)
  5. With the help of elaborate examples discuss the concept of theta-role assignment as an approach in determining forms in syntactic theory. (20 marks)
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