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**EXAMINATION FOR THE AWARD OF DEGREE OF BACHELOR OF EDUCATION  
(ARTS) AND BACHELOR OF ARTS**

**ENGL 104: GRAMMATICAL STRUCTURES OF ENGLISH**

**STREAMS:**

**TIME: 2 HOURS**

**DAY/DATE: MONDAY 4/12/2017**

**2.30 PM – 4.30 P.M**

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**INSTRUCTIONS:**

- **Answer three questions. Question one is compulsory**

1. Traditional grammar based its classification of English words mainly on semantic criteria. Briefly explain why this classification was found to be inadequate. [4marks]

(a) Briefly explain the meaning of these terms as used in the analysis of parts of speech

(i) Syntactic distribution [3marks]

(ii) Morphological distribution [3marks]

(b) Study the following text:

Suddenly, the old everybody thought was dead woke up, opened his tired eyes and smiled weakly at those present. They were shocked beyond words.

(i) From the text above, list all the:

-Noun phrases

-Preposition phrases

-Adjectives

-Adverbs

-verbs

[10marks]

2. (a) Briefly explain with examples the differences between inflectional and derivational morphemes. [8marks]
- (b) Assume the word 'klax' is English, construct sentences using it as specified below. [8marks]
- (i) Noun
  - (ii) Verb
  - (iii) Adjective
  - (iv) Adverb
- (c) Adverbs are basically modifiers. Illustrate this function of adverbs with examples. [4marks]
3. (a) The verb inflects for various functions. Show how this happens using examples. [8marks]
- (b) Irregular verbs do not portray the same inflectional behavior as regular ones. Demonstrate this with examples. [12marks]
4. (a) Discuss irregularity in nouns using examples. [10marks]
- (b) Describe 5 kinds of determiners with examples. [10marks]
5. (a) Indicate the part of speech of the underlined words below. [6marks]
- (i) I had a bad feeling about the situation.
  - (ii) I was feeling bad about the situation
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- (i) He was a blessed child right from birth.
  - (ii) He blessed them and then left.
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- (i) The going was a bit tough when I came here
  - (ii) She is going to town in the afternoon
- (b) (i) Differentiate between compound and complex sentences. [4marks]
- (ii) Construct five complex sentences [10marks]
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