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FOURTH YEAR EXAMINATION FOR THE AWARD OF DEGREE
OF BACHELOR OF EDUCATION ARTS

ENGL 421: ADVANCED SYNTAX

STREAMS: BED (ARTS) SB

TIME: 2 HOURS

DAY/DATE: WEDNESDAY 11/4/2018

11.30 A.M. – 1.30 P.M.

INSTRUCTIONS: ANSWER QUESTION ONE AND ANY OTHER TWO QUESTIONS

1. (a) Explain the following phrase structure rules [6 marks]
S → NP VP
NP → Det N
np → AdjP N PP
- (b) Use phrase structure rules to show the structure of the sentences: **Mary took the cow to the shed.** [10 marks]
- (c) Draw a syntactic tree to illustrate constituency in the sentence in (b).[4 marks]
- (d) Draw a syntactic tree in EPP tradition to show the constituency of: **The dealer said that the baker will bake fresh cakes.** [10 marks]
2. Using the standard theory of generative grammar, provide a derivational history of each of the following sentences from the deep structure to the surface structure.
 - (a) Peter wants to love himself. [10 marks]
 - (b) The thief was not seen by the girl. [10 marks]
3. Subjects are generated internally within VP. Support this hypothesis using:
 - (a) Argument structure [10 marks]
 - (b) The syntax of idioms [10 marks]

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4. Explain, using appropriate examples and syntactic trees, the three binding principles.
[20 marks]
 5. Chomsky argues that for a theory of grammar to be adequate it has to satisfy three criteria. Discuss. [20marks]
 6. Demonstrate the notions of short wh-movement, long wh-movement and wh-movement as copy and deletion. [20 marks]
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