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EXAMINATION FOR THE AWARD OF DEGREE OF BACHELOR OF EDUCATION
ARTS

ENGL 421: ADVANCED SYNTAX

STREAMS: B.ED (ARTS)

TIME: 2 HOURS

DAY/DATE: THURSDAY 12/04/2018

11.30 A.M. – 1.30 P.M.

INSTRUCTIONS:

- Answer question one and other two.

- Using the binding principles, explain the ambiguity in the sentence: **Lucy gave Mary her dress.** (6 marks)
 - Assign indices to bring out two meanings. (4 marks)
 - With specific references to C-command and with the aid of syntactic trees, explain the ungrammaticality of ***The parents of the child will harm himself.** (10 marks)
 - Draw a syntactic tree in EPP tradition to show the constituency of: **The dealer said that the baker will bake fresh cakes.** (10 marks)
- Using suitable sentences, demonstrate your understanding of the notion of predicates and theta-role assignment. (20 marks)
- Subjects are generated internally within VP. Support this hypothesis using:
 - Argument structure (10 marks)
 - Syntax of idioms (10 marks)
- Demonstrate the notions of short wh-movement and long wh-movement. (20 marks)
- Using suitable examples and syntactic trees, explain the notions of split TP and Split CP. (20 marks)
- Wh-movement is a copy and delete operation. Support this statement using:
 - the syntax of anaphors. (10 marks)

(b) the syntax of proposed prepositions.

(10 marks)
