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# FOURTH YEAR EXAMINATION FOR THE AWARD OF DEGREE OF BACHELOR OF EDUCATION (ARTS)

**ENGL 421: ADVANCED SYNTAX** 

STREAMS: BED (ARTS) TIME: 2 HOURS

DAY/DATE: WEDNESDAY 25/07/2018 2.30 P.M - 4.30 P.M

### **INSTRUCTIONS:**

Answer Question ONE and any other TWO

1. (a) Use appropriate structures and tree diagrams to explain the concept of heads, complements and adjuncts.

[12 Marks]

(b) Assign indices for the NPs in these structures

[6 Marks]

- (i) Mary bought Peter a watch
- (ii) Alice hit herself with a hockey stick
- (c) Explain the ambiguity in the following structure using the binding principles Joy said that she danced with Juan.

[6 Marks]

(d) Assign indices to bring out the two meanings.

- [6 Marks]
- 2. (a) Subjects are generated internally within VP. Support this hypotheses using:
  - (a) Subjects in Belfast English
  - (b) The syntax of idioms
- 3. (a) Define the terms:

[4 Marks]

- (i) Argument
- (ii) Predicate
- (b) Use appropriate sentences to demonstrate:

[4 Marks]

- (i) One-place predicate
- (ii) Two place predicate

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(c) Discuss the concept of theta-role assignment using arguments with different thematic roles.

[12 Marks]

4. 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.

[20 Marks]

5. Explain using appropriate examples and syntactic trees the three binding principles.

[20 Marks]