



UNIVERSITY EXAMINATIONS

EXAMINATION FOR THE AWARD OF MASTER OF ARTS ENGLISH

ENGL 801: STRUCTURAL DESCRIPTION OF MODERN ENGLISH

STREAMS: MA (ENGL)

TIME: 3 HOURS

DAY/DATE: WEDNESDAY 11/4/2018

11.30 A.M. – 2.30 P.M.

**INSTRUCTION: ANSWER QUESTION ONE AND ANY OTHER TWO**

1. (a) Derive the following structures:  
NP → PreDet Det AdjP N [2 marks]  
NP → Det N PP PP [2 marks]  
NP → Det N AdjP PP [2 marks]
  - (b) Draw syntactic trees for each of the structures derived above. [6 marks]
  - (c) Using appropriate tree diagrams, disambiguate the following construction: **Lucy emptied the bucket in the bathroom.** Relate each meaning to its structure. [6 marks]
  - (d) Using appropriate examples, distinguish between Restrictive and non-restrictive relative clauses. [4 marks]
  - (e) Using appropriate sentence constructions demonstrate your understanding of complex prepositions. [4 marks]
  - (f) Infinitival and complement clauses in English cannot be topicalised. Demonstrate this. [4 marks]
2. Discuss the various functions of adverbial clauses as used in the English language. [15 marks]
  3. Using appropriate examples, illustrate five syntactic tests for constituency. [15 marks]
  4. Describe the syntactic distribution of adjectival phrases in English sentences. [15 marks]
  5. Use suitable sentence constructions to discuss the notion of pronouns and case in English. [15 marks]