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EXAMINATION FOR THE AWARD OF DEGREE OF BACHELOR OF ARTS

ENGL104: GRAMMATICAL STRUCTURE OF ENGLISH

STREAM:Y1S2

TIME: 2 HOURS

DAY/DATE: FRIDAY 10/08/2018

8.30 A.M – 10.30 A.M

INSTRUCTION:

- **Attempt three questions in all. Question one is compulsory**

1. (a) Briefly explain why semantic approach in defining word classes as used by traditional grammar is not adequate. [4marks]

(b) Briefly explain the meaning of these terms as used in grammatical analysis.

(i) Syntactic distribution [3marks]

(ii) Morphological distribution [3marks]

(b) Study the following text:

The excited girl rushed to the stage to receive her award amidst cheers by the equally excited crowd.

(i) From the text above. list all the:
-Noun phrases
- Preposition phrases
- Adjectives
- Adverbs
- Verbs. [13marks]

(c) With examples, give the morphological and syntactic criteria we use to identify adverbs and adjectives. [7marks]

2. (a) Briefly explain with examples the difference between;

(i) Free and bound morphemes. [4marks]

(ii) Inflectional and derivational morphemes. [8marks]

(b) Assume the word 'ghider' is English . Construct sentences using it as specified below. [8marks]

(i) Noun

(ii) Verb

(iii) Adjective

(iv) Adverb

3. (a) The verb inflects for various functions. Show how this happens using examples. [8marks]

(b) Discuss four modal auxiliaries, briefly showing the meaning they bring into sentences with examples. [12marks]

4. (a) Explain how pronouns differ from nouns. [10marks]

(b) Explain the concepts of coordination and subordination using sufficient examples. [10marks]

5. Construct two sentences using each of following words to show that the words can belong to two different parts of speech. [12marks]

(a) Feeling

(b) Blessed

(c) Discuss four kinds of determiners with examples. [8marks]

