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**EXAMINATION FOR THE AWARD OF DEGREE OF BACHELOR OF EDUCATION
ARTS**

ENGL 211: MORPHOLOGY AND SYNTAX

STREAMS: B.ED (ARTS)

TIME: 2 HOURS

DAY/DATE: THURSDAY 12/04/2018

2.30 P.M. – 4.30 P.M.

INSTRUCTIONS:

Answer question one and any other two.

Question one: compulsory

- (a) Define and exemplify the following terms: (6 marks)
- (i) Morpheme
 - (ii) Allomorph
 - (iii) Constituent
- (b) Use appropriate examples to distinguish between the following: (8 marks)
- (i) A free and a bound morpheme
 - (ii) Prefixes and suffixes
- (c) Use appropriate trees to show the internal structures of the following words: (8 marks)
- (i) Unrepresentational
 - (ii) Destabilisational
- (d) Draw syntactic trees to show the constituent structure of the following constructions:
- (i) The tallest tree in the forest (4 marks)
 - (ii) Juma has kicked the ball. (4 marks)
2. (a) Using appropriate examples, discuss any four word formation processes. (12 marks)
- (b) Use syntactic trees to disambiguate the following construction: **Lucy hit the man with a chair.** (8 marks)

3. (a) The young priest was cheered **for his generosity**. Subject the words in bold to any four constituency tests. (12 marks)
- (b) Draw the syntactic tree for the following structure: **Joy answered that she had arrived in the city**. (8 marks)
4. (a) Using suitable examples, comment on the inflectional behaviour of English verbs. (8 marks)
- (b) Discuss and exemplify three derivational morphemes for the formation of English:
- (i) Nouns (6 marks)
- (ii) Adjectives (6 marks)
5. (a) Differentiate between content and function words. (4 marks)
- (b) Using appropriate examples and with the aid of syntactic trees, discuss the various types of sentences in English. (16 marks)
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