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EXAMINATIONS FOR THE AWARD OF BACHELOR OF EDUCATION ARTS

ENGL 212 MORPHOLOGY AND SYNTAX

STREAMS: BED (ARTS)

TIME: 2 HOURS

DAY/DATE: THURSDAY 13/9/2018

2.30 P.M. – 4.30 P.M.

INSTRUCTIONS. ANSWER THREE QUESTIONS. QUESTION ONE IS COMPULSORY

1. (a) Draw tree diagrams to represent the following structures. (10 marks)
 - (i) The students danced at the party
 - (ii) They gave the boys some mangoes
 - (iii) The crowd clapped excitedly
 - (iv) The girl seemed disturbed
- (b) Explain how the verb inflects for various grammatical functions with examples. (10 marks)
- (c) The endings -ing and -er are both derivational and inflectional. Prove this in sentences. (10 marks)
2. (a) Define structural ambiguity (2 marks)
- (b) Draw two tree diagrams to bring out the ambiguity in each of these structures
 - (i) They chased the man with a car (8 marks)
 - (ii) Ugandan history teacher (6 marks)
 - (iii) Unbuttonable (4 marks)

3. (a) Show the following constituents in sentences (10 marks)
- (i) Noun phrase
 - (ii) Verb phrase
 - (iii) Adjective phrase
 - (iv) Adverb phrase
 - (v) Preposition phrase
- (b) Discuss two constituency tests and show how they are used to test constituency. (10 marks)
4. (a) Discuss these terms briefly with examples (10 marks)
- (i) Derivational morphology
 - (ii) Inflectional morphology
- (b) Draw trees to show the word formation processes of the following structures (10 marks)
- (i) Unavailability
 - (ii) Inconsistencies
 - (iii) Irresponsibility
 - (iv) Unrecognizable
5. Discuss with examples the following word-formation processes (20 marks)
- (i) Conversion
 - (ii) Reduplication
 - (iii) Coinage
 - (iv) Reduction
 - (v) Backformation
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