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SECOND YEAR EXAMINATION FOR THE AWARD OF DEGREE  
OF BACHELOR OF EDUCATION ARTS

ENGL 212: ASPECTS OF GRAMMATICAL ANALYSIS I

STREAMS: BED (ARTS)

TIME: 2 HOURS

DAY/DATE: WEDNESDAY 15/04/2020

2.30 P.M. – 4.30 P.M.

**INSTRUCTIONS:** Answer **THREE** questions. Question **ONE** is compulsory

**QUESTION ONE (COMPULSORY)**

1. (a) Study the following phrase 'That book of poems in the house'  
Draw a tree diagram to represent the structure using X-bar notation [4 marks]
- (b) Define the following terms, drawing illustrations from the above structure [8 marks]
  - (i) Specifier
  - (ii) Head
  - (iii) Complement
  - (iv) Intermediate projection
- (c) Using X-bar notation, draw tree diagrams for the underlined parts of the sentences. [10 marks]
  - (i) The girl greeted the man excitedly
  - (ii) She put the book right inside the bad
  - (iii) The movie was extremely horrifying
- (d) Show the merger process involved in forming the following sentence [8 marks]  
'The chairperson will speak to the parents'

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2. (a) Draw tree diagrams to represent the following sentences using X-bar notation [12 marks]
- (i) The girls walked towards the river
  - (ii) They might visit the orphans in the village
  - (iii) He said that the stranger entered the building
- (b) Using a suitable sentence, discuss and illustrate the process of affix lowering in English [8 marks]
3. (a) Show with evidence, the existence of null subjects in English sentences. [6 marks]
- (b) Negate the following sentences and illustrate the negation process in a tree diagram. [8 marks]
- (i) The guest will address the audience
  - (ii) She cooked the food yesterday
- (c) Discuss and illustrate how V-T auxiliary raising occurs in English sentences [6 marks]
4. (a) Using three different types of auxiliaries show how T-C movement takes place. [9 marks]
- (b) T-C movement is a copying and deletion operation. Explain [2 marks]
- (c) Show the derivation of the following structure using elaborate tree diagrams [9 marks]
- (i) When are the students leaving?
  - (ii) What books did you read last year?
  - (iii) Where do you think that he is hiding?
5. (a) With clear illustrations, discuss binding principle A [6 marks]
- (b) Assign indices for NP's (noun phrases) in the following sentences [4 marks]
- (i) Jane said that Mary did the exam herself
  - (ii) James told the children a story
- (c) Use binding theory to explain why the following sentences are ill formed
- (i) \*John<sub>i</sub> said that James<sub>j</sub> hates himself
  - (ii) \*Jane<sub>i</sub> gave her<sub>i</sub> a doll
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