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

ENGL 313: ASPECTS OF GRAMMATICAL ANALYSIS II

STREAMS: BED (ARTS)

TIME: 2 HOURS

DAY/DATE: WEDNESDAY 15/04/2020

2.30 P.M. – 4.30 P.M.

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INSTRUCTIONS: Answer THREE questions. Question ONE is compulsory

1. (a) Draw the tree diagrams for the following phrases using x-bar notation, indicating their specifier, head and complement. [16 marks]
    - (i) Noun phrase
    - (ii) Adjective phrase
    - (iii) Verb phrase
    - (iv) Prepositional phrase
  - (b) Define the following terms, drawing illustrations from the above structures [6 marks]
    - (i) Head
    - (ii) Maximal projection
    - (iii) Complement
  - (c) Show the merger process involved in the formation of the following sentence 'The children might attend the competition' [8 marks]
2. (a) Subjects originate from within the VP (Verb Phrase). Discuss and illustrate how floating quantifiers and subject from Belfast English provide evidence for the above statement. [12 marks]
  - (b) Show the derivation of the following sentences [8 marks]
    - (i) The student might come. (Unaccusative predicate)
    - (ii) The thieves were arrested. (Passive predicate)

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3. (a) Define the following terms with clear examples [4 marks]
- (i) Predicate
  - (ii) Argument
- (b) Identify the thematic/theta roles depicted by the arguments in the following sentences. [6 marks]
- (i) James gave the girl flowers
  - (ii) The man cut the tree with an axe.
- (c) Discuss the various types of predicates giving clear illustrations. [10 marks]
4. Discuss, with clear illustrations, the following tests for constituency. [20 marks]
- (i) Coordination
  - (ii) Substitution
  - (iii) Sentence fragment test
  - (iv) Clefting
  - (v) Tropicalization
5. Study the following sentence and answer the questions that follow.  
'The president attended the meeting yesterday'.
- (a) Construct Wh-questions targeting. [3 marks]
- (i) The subject
  - (ii) The complement
  - (iii) The adjunct
- (b) Draw the tree diagrams of the Wh-questions you have constructed [12 marks]
- (c) Show the derivation of the following Wh-questions? [5 marks]  
'How do you know that the rains will continue?'
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