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

**ENGL 412: ADVANCED DESCRIPTION OF MODERN ENGLISH**

**STREAMS: BED (ARTS) P/T**

**TIME: 2 HOURS**

**DAY/DATE: TUESDAY 14/04/2020**

**8.30 AM – 10.30 AM**

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**INSTRUCTIONS:**

**Answer Question One and any other Two**

1. (a) Derive the following noun phrases [6 marks]
  - (i) Np – Det Adjp N N
  - (ii) NP – Predet det N
  - (iii) NP – Det Advp Adjp N
- (b) Draw syntactic trees for the structures derived above. [12 marks]
- (c) Justify the importance of structural description of a language. [8 marks]
- (d) Draw a structure for ‘the reason that I attended the meeting’. [4 marks]
2. Using clear illustrations, discuss five syntactic tests for constituency in English sentences. [20 marks]
3. (a) Discuss the various types of determiners that can be found in a noun phrase, giving examples. [6 marks]
- (b) Grammar should attain various levels of adequacy. Discuss. [9 marks]
- (c) Using appropriate illustrations, discuss the various types of adjectival phrases in English. [5 marks]
4. (a) With clear illustrations describe the various functions of a prepositional phrase. [10 marks]

- (b) Embedded clauses can take various positions in a sentence. Support this statement using clear illustrations. [6 marks]
- (c) Use tree diagrams to disambiguate the following structure. ‘The man killed the king with a knife.’ [4 marks]
5. (a) Define the term topicalization. [2 marks]
- (b) Using the following sentence illustrate how topicalization occurs in English. ‘The teacher will teach the students tonight.’ [12 marks]
- (c) Discuss the notion ‘clefting’ in English clauses, giving clear illustrations. [6 marks]
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