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SUPPLEMENTARY / SPECIAL EXAMINATIONS

**FOURTH YEAR RESIT/SPECIAL EXAMINATION FOR THE DEGREE IN
BACHELOR OF EDUCATION (ARTS)**

ENGL 416: THEORIES OF CONTEMPORARY OF SYNTAX

STREAMS:

TIME: 2 HOURS

DAY/DATE: WEDNESDAY 18/11/2020

8.30 A.M - 10.30 A.M.

INSTRUCTIONS

Question **ONE** is compulsory

Answer any other **TWO** questions

1. a. Explain the following notions : (12 marks)
 - i. Generative grammar
 - ii. Poverty of the stimulus
 - iii. Performance
 - iv. Innateness
 - v. Phrase structure rule
 - vi. Competence
 - b. Explain the language acquisition device hypothesis. (6 marks)
 - c. Using at least 3 examples , explain Wh- movement in English. (10 marks)
 2. Describe FIVE types of transformations evident in English . (20 marks)
 3. Explain the various developments of generative theory between 1957-1995. (20 marks)
 4. Discuss FIVE modules of the Government and Binding theory. (20 marks)
 5. Explain the following terms as used in the Minimalist Program. (20 marks)
 - i. feature-checking
 - ii. merge
 - iii. I- and E-language
 - iv. Logical form
 - v. procrastinate
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