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EXAMINATION FOR THE AWARD OF DEGREE
OF BACHELOR OF EDUCATION ARTS

ENGL 417: FUNCTIONAL GRAMMAR

STREAMS: BED (ARTS)

TIME: 2 HOURS

DAY/DATE: WEDNESDAY 15/04/2020

2.30 P.M. – 4.30 P.M.

INSTRUCTIONS: Question ONE is compulsory. Answer any TWO questions

1.
 - (a) Distinguish between functionalism and formalism in linguistics. [8 marks]
 - (b) Explain the term 'structural functional linguistic theory'. [6 marks]
 - (c) Describe transitivity as expounded in Systemic Functional Grammar [4 marks]
 - (d) Explain common theoretical assumptions of functional theories. Use at least THREE functional theories in your answer. [8 marks]
 - (e) Explain why language is considered a system in Systemic Functional Grammar [4 marks]
2. Discuss the FOUR main theoretical claims of Systemic Functional Grammar [20 marks]
3. Discuss FIVE areas of language studies where Systemic Functional Grammar is applicable. [20 marks]
4.
 - (a) Describe FIVE characteristics of Systemic Functional Grammar [10 marks]
 - (b) Analyze the clause below using the Layered structure of the Clause. *Peter ate the food in the kitchen.* [10 marks]
5.
 - (a) Distinguish between mood and modality in functional theories. [8 marks]
 - (b) Based on Systemic functional Grammar, write a three-strand analysis of the clause below:
Mary gave her mother a new watch for her birthday. [12 marks]