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

ENGL 421: ADVANCED SYNTAX

STREAMS: BED (ARTS)

TIME: 2 HOURS

DAY/DATE: WEDNESDAY 15/04/2020

8.30 A.M. – 10.30 A.M.

INSTRUCTIONS: Answer THREE questions. Question ONE is compulsory

1. (a) Study the following sentence
'The girl in class will visit the village tomorrow'
Draw structures for the following using X-bar notation [16 marks]
 - (i) The subject NP
 - (ii) The VP
 - (iii) The TP
 - (iv) AdvP (adverbial phrase)
 - (b) Describe the term the Bare phrase structure, giving a clear illustration [6 marks]
 - (c) Define the following terms, giving clear illustration [8 marks]
 - (i) Adjunct
 - (ii) Asymmetrical C-command
 - (iii) Dominance
 - (v) Argument structure
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2. (a) What is VP internal subject hypothesis (VPISH)? [4 marks]
 - (b) Discuss and illustrate two pieces of evidence as proof of VPISH hypothesis [16 marks]

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3. (a) Predicates dictate the number and type of internal arguments that occur within them. Discuss the statement in regard to the following verbs. [8 marks]
- (i) Put
 - (ii) Told
- (b) Discuss six theta roles that can be portrayed by an argument in a sentence giving illustrations. [12 marks]
4. (a) Define the term unaccusative verb [2 marks]
- (b) Show and explain the merger process involved in the derivation of the following sentences that contain an unaccusative verbs [10 marks]
- (i) The letter has arrived
 - (ii) The mangoes have fallen
- (c) Show the merger process involved in the derivation of the following passive structure.
'The meeting was attended'. [8 marks]
5. (a) Explain, using appropriate examples, the three binding principles [10 marks]
- (b) Disambiguate the following sentence using indices [4 marks]
'John said that he loves going to church'.
- (c) Discuss the Minimal Link Condition as stipulated by the Minimalist program giving clear illustrations. [6 marks]
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