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EXAMINATION FOR THE AWARD OF MASTER OF ARTS IN ENGLISH

ENGL 811: STRUCTURAL DESCRIPTION OF MODERN ENGLISH

STREAMS: MA (ENGL)

TIME: 3 HOURS

DAY/DATE: TUESDAY 06/04/2021

8.30 A.M. – 11.30 A.M.

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**INSTRUCTIONS: Answer THREE questions. Question ONE is compulsory**

1. (a) Grammar should attain various levels of adequacy. Discuss [9 marks]  
(b) Describe the procedure for discovering linguistic generalizations [6 marks]  
(c) Derive the following noun phrases: [6 marks]
  - (i) NP-Predet + Det + N + PP
  - (ii) NP-Det + AdjP + N + PP
  - (iii) NP-Predet + Det + N + AdjP
- (d) Structurally represent the derived structures using tree diagrams [9 marks]
2. (a) An embedded clause can take various positions in a sentence. Discuss the positions using suitable illustrations. [9 marks]  
(b) Discuss the following giving clear illustrations [6 marks]
  - (i) Complement clauses
  - (ii) Restrictive relative clause
3. (a) Describe the term topicalization and using the sentence 'The president will visit the university next week' illustrate the same using a tree diagram. [10 marks]  
(b) Highlight the various complements of a prepositional phrase. [5 marks]
4. (a) Using a tree diagram, illustrate an adjectival phrase with an adverb as a pre-modifier. [6 marks]  
(b) Discuss the key characteristics of a determiner in the English language. [9 marks]
5. Identify and illustrate five syntactic tests for constituency in English sentences. [15 marks]

