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SECOND SEMESTER EXAMINATION FOR THE DEGREE OF BACHELOR OF ARTS

AEN 101: AN INTRODUCTION TO THE GRAMMAR OF ENGLISH

DATE: Wednesday, 10th May 2017

TIME: 8.00 a.m. - 10.00 a.m.

INSTRUCTIONS:

ANSWER QUESTION ONE AND ANY OTHER TWO

QUESTION ONE

a) Identify the major class and function of the underlined words in the sentences below.

- i) The lady we met was tall.
- ii) The idea sounds noble.
- iii) My effort to assist her was sincere but ineffective
- iv) She has danced well.
- v) Wow! You look terrific!

(5 Marks)

b) Name and state the function of the underlined phrases.

- i) The extremely young in spirit enjoy life.
- ii) His youngest son was born as recently as last week.
- iii) The boy has spoilt his reputation
- iv) Am disappointed with you.
- v) The baby was so very happy.

(5 Marks)

c) Write a sentence for each of the sentence elements below.

- i) SVOO
- ii) SVOC
- iii) SVC_s
- iv) SVOA
- v) SVC_o

(5 Marks)

Question Two

- a) Using appropriate examples show that morphemes, lexemes and sentence forms are the basic units of a semantic analysis (14 marks)
- b) Explain three felicity conditions that an illocutionary act has to fulfill to achieve its effect. (6 marks)

Question Three

- a) Using appropriate examples, distinguish between sense denotation and reference (12 marks)
- b) Using examples, discuss the different classes of antonyms in languages (8 marks)

Question Four

- a) Define the term politeness as used in pragmatics. (4 marks)
- b) Explain ways in which Brown and Levinson's (1987) politeness can save face for others in an interaction (16 marks)

Question Five

- a) Explain how Grice's (1975) cooperative principles can be flouted in a conversation (12 marks)
- b) Use the componential analysis technique to distinguish the meaning of the word 'man' from 'mare'. (8 marks)