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EXAMINATION FOR THE DEGREE OF MASTER OF ARTS
AEN 805: ADVANCED GRAMMAR

DATE: Wednesday, 30th December 2015

TIME: 9.00 a.m. - 12.00 p.m.

INSTRUCTIONS:

Answer THREE questions: One from each section.

SECTION A

Question One (Compulsory)

- a) Explain three differences between subordinate and relative clauses using specific clause examples. (6 Marks)
- b) Construct three sentences using 'that' clause as a relative, nominal and appositive clause. (6 Marks)
- c) Use interrogative clauses as a direct object, object complement and object of a preposition in function. (6 Marks)
- d) Provide three examples in which the negative element in clausal negation appears outside the verb phrase (VP). (6 Marks)
- e) Not all transitive clauses have passive correspondents: Explain three contexts in which passivization is impossible. (6 Marks)

SECTION B: Transformational & X-bar Grammar

Question Two

- a) Provide rewrite rules for the following sentences in Transformational Grammar. (8 Marks)
 - i) Lonely lovers may have been sunbathing on the beach by the ocean.
 - ii) She must be the guest expected in today's rally.
 - iii) Peter should be in before the rest of the gang.
 - iv) Half the many qualified candidates will miss the early show.
- b) Draw a structural description (SD) phrase marker for the following clause. (4 Marks)
John is sometimes a lazy student

- c) Derive an interrogative from (b) above and then;
 - i) Draw a structural change (SC) phrase marker. (4 Marks)
 - ii) Describe the transformations that have taken place. (4 Marks)

Question Three

- a) Draw an X-bar tree structure for the following clauses. (10 Marks)
 - i) The question is what will the guests do if they arrive late.
 - ii) That John is sick remains a mystery
- b) Show that the underlined *wh*-constituents originate as complements of a verb or a preposition and the order of movement with the modals. (6 Marks)
 - (i) Which man should be the police arrest?
 - (ii) What can the player hit at?
- c) Draw an X-bar phrase marker for the following interrogative clause then account for the subject movement: Who married Mary? (4 Marks)

SECTION C: Functional Grammar

Question Four

- a) Describe any four differences between material and mental processes in a clause as a representation. (8 Marks)
- b) Discuss the structure of clause types and their unmarked corresponding discourse functions in a clause as an exchange. (12 Marks)

Question Five

- a) Using illustrations, distinguish between topic, subject and theme. (4 Marks)
- b) Construct clauses in which the function of theme is realized by (8 Marks)
 - i) Direct object
 - ii) Subject complement
 - iii) Negative adverb
 - iv) Circumstantial adjunct
- c) Explain thematic fronting and thematic postponement of object, subject and part of a phrase and the motivation for each. (8 Marks)