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EXAMINATION FOR THE DEGREE OF BACHELOR OF EDUCATION

AEN 400: ADVANCED THEORETICAL STUDIES

DATE: Friday 4th May 2012

TIME: 8.00 a.m – 10.00 a.m

INSTRUCTIONS:

Answer **Question 1** and any other **TWO** questions.

All answers should be written in the answer sheets provided during the examination.

QUESTION 1 (Compulsory)

- (a) Briefly explain **two** strengths of Traditional Grammar. [4 Marks]
- (b) Use the sentence below to distinguish **mutual dependency** and **unilateral dependency** in Immediate Constituent Analysis ‘The young girl ate the mangoes.’ [6 Marks]
- (c) Write one English phrase for each of the following components. [4 Marks]
 - (i) VP → V NP (PP)
 - (ii) VP → V NP (Adv P)
 - (iii) NP → Det Adj N
 - (iv) NP → Det Adj N PP [4 Marks]
- (d) Provide the Phrase Structure of the sentence below then use it to explain the following concepts in syntax.
 - (i) Dominance
 - (ii) Sister nodes
 - (iii) Lexical categories

[10 Marks]

- (e) Using the word, ‘unregistered’, explain the following concepts in morphology. [6 Marks]
- (i) Morpheme
 - (ii) Bound morpheme
 - (iii) Free morpheme
 - (iv) Stem
 - (v) Base
 - (vi) Root
- [6 Marks]

QUESTION 2

Use the sentence, ‘The small girls and boys spat out the bitter tablets to highlight the strengths and weaknesses of Immediate Constituent Analysis. [20 Marks]

QUESTION 3

Use the transformations of the sentence, ‘The students wrote an examination’ to demonstrate how Transformational Generative Grammar uses the transformations below to generate new sentences.

- (i) Affix Hopping Transformation.
- (ii) The Passive Transformation.
- (iii) The Negative Transformation.

[20 Marks]

QUESTION 4

For each case, use any three of the sentences below to analyse **Clans as a Message** and **Clause as an Exchange** within the framework of Functional Grammar.

- (i) The judge, a strict Argentinean woman, pronounced the verdict cautiously in court.
- (ii) The judge pronounced the verdict cautiously in court.
- (iii) Juliet, Musembi’s girl friend, was love struck.
- (iv) As for Juliet, Slew was love struck.
- (v) How many boys do you have?
- (vi) What is she doing?

[20 Marks]

QUESTION 5

Apart from ‘affixation’, describe any five word formation processes in English. [20 Marks]