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FIRST SEMESTER EXAMINATION FOR THE DEGREE OF BACHELOR OF
ARTS AND BACHELOR OF EDUCATION

AEN 400: ADVANCED THEORETICAL STUDIES IN GRAMMAR

DATE: Thursday, 27th November, 2014

TIME: 8.00 a.m. – 10.00 a.m.

INSTRUCTIONS:

Answer question **ONE** and any **TWO** others.

- Q.1 a) Explain why the study of language is said to be scientific. (6 marks)
b) Study the sentence below and use it to answer the questions that follow:

the sentence:

Major malls are guarded by unarmed personnel carrying hand wands.

the questions:

- i) Classify the words according to the “Parts of Speech” by
Traditional Grammar. (5 marks)
- ii) Explain two criteria advanced by Traditional Grammar that could
yield the classification in (i). (5 marks)
- iii) Analyze the sentence according to the ICA framework.
(15 marks)

Q.2 Study the sentence below and analyze it as instructed:

the sentence: The case may have been being heard by the judges.

- a) Carry out a deep structure analysis. (8 marks)
- b) Conduct a surface structure analysis, demonstrating affix-hopping transformation. (12 marks)

Q.3 a) Use the word – list that follows to explain the heads and features percolation principle.

rejected	rewards
decidedly	thankless

(12 marks)

- b) Explain, with examples, any four problems with morphological analysis. (8 marks)

Q.4 Demonstrate the centrality of the function of the clause as viewed by Prague School functionalism. (20 marks)

Q.5 Generate appropriate phrases and use them to explain the following claims of x-bar theory.

- i) Lexical category is related to the syntactic category
- ii) All phrases have heads and possible specifiers and complements
- iii) Analysis of phrases is based on bar notation.
- iv) Rules in x-bar theory are cross-categorical

(20 marks)