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BACHELOR OF EDUCATION (ARTS)  
REGULAR

UNIT CODE: BLA4115

UNIT TITLE: ADVANCED THEORETICAL

DATE: FEBRUARY 2015

SUPP/SPECIAL EXAM

TIME: 2 HOURS

INSTRUCTIONS: Answer question one and any other two questions.

1. a) Provide a rewrite rule for each sentence below.
  - i) He could arrive today.
  - ii) The young man at the corner drives.
  - iii) Some raven birds have been flying into Kenya (6 marks)
- b) Describe any three weaknesses of traditional grammar. (6 marks)
- c) Define the word "word" in relation to the following criterion and show the weaknesses of each. (9 marks)
  - i) Orthographically
  - ii) Morphological criterion
  - iv) Semantic criterion
- d) Draw two ICA ~~tree diagrams to remove~~ the ambiguity in the following sentence. (6 marks)

I took some warm milk and soda.
- e) ~~Describe the three functions of language~~ according to Halliday. (3 marks)

2. Using two sentences discuss the power of T-rules by outlining.
- The interrogative transformation. (10 marks)
  - The negative transformation. (10 marks)
3. a) Using functional grammar, describe clause as message with close reference to;
- WH interrogatives
  - Yes-No interrogatives
  - Imperatives
  - Clause
- b) Describe any four weaknesses of ICA. (8 marks)
4. Describe the following terms with close reference to morphology.
- Productivity
  - Lexical morphology
  - Suffixation
  - Conversion
- b) Describe any three distinctions between derivational and inflectional morphology. (6 marks)
- c) Describe any three problems with morphological analysis. (6 marks)
5. a) Using four sentences describe the aspect of Affix Hopping Transformation. (12 marks)
- b) Describe any four weaknesses of phrases structure grammar. (8 marks)