



UNIVERSITY EXAMINATION 2011/2012

SCHOOL OF SOCIAL SCIENCES

DEPARTMENT OF LANGUAGES

REGULAR

UNIT CODE: ENG 411

UNIT TITLE: ADVANCED THEORETICAL STUDIES IN GRAMMAR

DATE: APRIL 2012

MAIN EXAM

TIME: 2HRS

INSTRUCTIONS: ANSWER QUESTIONS ONE AND ANY OTHER TWO QUESTIONS

1. (a) Distinguish between the following concepts: (5marks)
 - i. Morpheme and allomorph
 - ii. Rheme and theme
- (b) Explain and exemplify the following notions: (5marks)
 - i. Inflectional morphology
 - ii. Derivational morphology
- (c) (i) Explain what is meant by ambiguity
- (ii) Draw two ICA tree diagrams to make the following sentences clear:
 - John told Peter that he was being considered for promotion.
 - The teacher congratulated the brilliant boys and girls.
- (d) Illustrate three word formation processes (16marks)
- (e) Explain what is meant by: (9marks)
 - i. Clause as a representation
 - ii. Clause as a message
2. Using examples, explain what you understand by traditional grammar. What are the weaknesses and strengths of traditional grammar? (20marks)
3. Using illustrations, discuss the notion of transformational generative grammar (20marks)
4. (a) Explain Transformational Generative grammar (10marks)
- (b) Draw an SD phase marker for the sentence: "The doctor may have treated the patient." Make the sentence above passive and provide an SC marker for it (10marks)
5. (a) Analyze the following sentences in the mode of clause as representation (10marks)
 - i. My sister loves netball with a passion.
 - ii. I bought my friend a present on her birthday.
 - iii. The bus arrived quite late.
 - iv. Soldiers march majestically.
 - v. The students have been working very hard for the last one week.
 - vi. I brought a new puppy home.

- vii. The models walked the runway quite elegantly.
- viii. Mary sings in the shower.
- ix. The mother is very anxious.
- x. The teachers are on strike.

(b) Distinguish the difference between inflectional and derivational morphology
(10marks)