INSTRUCTIONS:

- Answer Question ONE and any other TWO.

Q.1. Describe the relationship between morphology and the following levels of linguistic analysis with data from diverse languages:

(i) Phonology   (10 marks)

(ii) Syntax   (10 marks)

(iii) Semantics   (10 marks)

Q.2.   Discuss the major propositions of lexical morphology   (15 marks)

Q.3.   Illustrate how you would apply the first three principles of Eugene Nida (1982) to discover the   morphemes of a language   (15 marks)

Q.4.   With examples, distinguish clearly between isolating, agglutinating and synthetic morphological structures   (15 marks)

Q.5.   Illustrate the processes and products of inflectional and derivational morphological processes   (15 marks)

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ALN 802: RECENT DEVELOPMENTS IN GRAMMATICAL THEORIES

Date: 5th December, 2016   Time: 8.30 - 11.30 am

INSTRUCTIONS:

- Answer question ONE and any other TWO questions.

AEN 802 RECENT DEVELOPMENTS IN GRAMMATICAL THEORY

Instructions: Answer Question 1 and any other TWO.

1. With reference to argument structure, discuss how syntactic derivation is a function of morphology. (30 marks).

2. Explain how any FOUR empty categories in English are licensed in English syntax. (20 marks).

3. Explain how the Government and Binding Theory differs from Phrase Structure Grammar (20 marks)

4. Discuss how the Minimalist Program reduces redundancy in syntactic theory. (20 marks).

5. Discuss the central concerns of Functional Grammar. (20 marks)

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ALN 803: GENERATIVE PHONOLOGY

Date: 9th December, 2016   Time: 12.00 - 3.00pm

INSTRUCTIONS:

- Answer Question ONE and any other TWO.

Q1. a) Examine the contribution of the concepts of Naturalization of Contrasts and Pseudodifferentiation in the understanding of Generative phonology.

(10 marks)

b) Discuss why it may be argued that autosegmental phonology is a notational variant of prosodic phonology. (20 marks)

Q2. In what way does generative phonology attain greater explanatory adequacy than earlier structural approaches to phonological theory. (15 marks)

Q3. Explain why the phoneme may be described as a class of phonetically similar sounds in complementary distribution. (15 marks)

Q4. Explain the centrality of Chomsky and Halle's (1997) notion of distinctive features in the study of phonology. (15 marks)

Q5. Provide examples from languages known to you to illustrate how metrical and CV Phonology are significant constituents of Generative Phonology. (15 marks)

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ALN 804: RESEARCH METHODS I

Date: 8th December, 2016   Time: 8.30 – 11.30am

INSTRUCTIONS:

- Answer Question ONE and any other TWO.

1. Design a sample questionnaire to research an aspect of language as used by a target sample. (30 mks)

2. Explain how the following are arrived at and indicate their significance in linguistic study:

a) Range

b) Mean

c) Median (15 mks)

3. Assess the significance of any THREE sampling techniques in linguistic research. (15 mks)

4. With appropriate examples, explain the following:

a) Case study

b) Content Analysis

c) Triangulation (15 mks)

5. Distinguish between Qualitative and Quantitative research, indicating their relevance in linguistic research. (15 mks)