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(ARTS)

1ST YEAR 1ST SEMESTER 2013/2014 ACADEMIC YEAR
MAIN SCHOOL BASED

COURSE CODE: AEN 404

COURSE TITLE: ADVANCED IN THE DESCRIPTION OF ENGLISH SYNTAX

EXAM VENUE: CR 1

STREAM: (BEd Arts)

DATE: 30/04/14

EXAM SESSION: 9.00 – 11.00 AM

TIME: 2.00 HOURS

Instructions:

- 1. Answer question 1 (Compulsory) and ANY other 2 questions**
- 2. Candidates are advised not to write on the question paper.**
- 3. Candidates must hand in their answer booklets to the invigilator while in the examination room.**

- Q 1. (a) Explain the connection between Syntax and Grammar. (2 marks)
- (b) Highlight FIVE key features of Traditional Grammar. (5 marks)
- (c) Discuss the advantages and disadvantages of the I.C analysis. (4 marks)
- (d) Explain briefly the meaning of the following terms as used in the study of Syntax:
- (i) Lexicon
 - (ii) Specifier
 - (iii) PS rule
 - (iv) Node
 - (v) Constituent (5 marks)
- (e) With the help of a PS tree diagram, analyse the following sentences:
- (i) The sick girl disappeared from the class.
 - (ii) My niece followed my footsteps
 - (iii) The fierce dog ran through the garden. (6 marks)
- (f) Outline FOUR characteristics of Functional Grammar. (4 marks)
- (g) Giving examples in each case, explain TWO types of Transformations. (4 marks)
2. (a) Compare and contrast Traditional Grammar with structuralism's views. (10 marks)

(b) Outline the Structuralist contributions to the development of modern

Linguistics.

(10 marks)

3. Write brief notes on the following terms:

(i) Interrogative transformation

(4 marks)

(ii) Negative transformation

(4 marks)

(iii) Wh-movement

(4 marks)

(iv) Deep structures

(4 marks)

(v) Surface structure

(4 marks)

4. Compare the key features of X- Bar Theory with the key assumptions of Government and Binding Theory. (20 marks)

5. a) Discuss the advantages and disadvantages of Transformational Generative Grammar. (10 marks)

b) Using relevant examples, explain the terms affix hopping and passive

transformation.

(10 marks)