



MASENO UNIVERSITY
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FOURTH YEAR FIRST SEMESTER EXAMINATIONS FOR
THE DEGREE OF BACHELOR OF
EDUCATION/BACHELOR OF ARTS WITH
INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY

MAIN CAMPUS
SUPPLEMENTARY

AEN 404: ADVANCES IN THE DESCRIPTION OF
SYNTAX

Date: 14th November, 2015

Time: 8.30 - 10.30am

INSTRUCTIONS:

- Answer Question ONE and any other TWO Questions.

1. a. Using illustrations from English, distinguish between the following concepts:
 - i. Syntagmatic and paradigmatic relations
 - ii. Deep and surface structures
 - iii. Selectional restrictions and subcategorization
 - iv. Diachronic and synchronic analysis
 - v. Langue and parole
 - vi. Reflexives and pronominals
2. Providing at least ONE example for each, explain how transformation rules carry out the following operations:
 - a) v-movement (5 marks)
 - b) Imperative deletion (5 marks)
 - c) Passivization (5 marks)
 - d) Raising structures (5 marks)
3. "Generative transformation grammar is an improvement of Phrase Structure grammar. Discuss. (20 marks)
4.
 - a. What is grammaticality and acceptability? (5 marks)
 - b. Discuss the various levels adequacy as provided by Noam Chomsky.(15 marks)
5. Evaluate the necessity of transformation in the study of English syntax. (20 marks)