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**FOURTH YEAR FIRST SEMESTER EXAMINATION FOR THE DEGREE
OF BACHELOR OF EDUCATION AND BACHELOR OF ARTS WITH
INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY**

CITY CAMPUS – SCHOOL BASED

**AEN 404: ADVANCES IN THE DESCRIPTION OF ENGLISH
SYNTAX**

Date: 29th June, 2016

Time: 2.00 - 4.00pm

INSTRUCTIONS:

- **Answer Question ONE and any other TWO Questions.**



AEN 404 ADVANCES IN THE DESCRIPTION OF ENGLISH SYNTAX

1. With illustrations, explain how the three principles of the Government and Binding theory account for the syntax of anaphors, pronouns and R-expressions in English.

2. Discuss the principle tenets of Generative Grammar and Functional Grammar and show how both differ in their approaches to the study of syntax.

3. (a) Explain what Immediate Constituent Analysis entails.

(b) Discuss the weaknesses of Immediate Constituent Analysis.

4. With illustrations, show how Phrase Structure Grammar differs from Transformational Generative Grammar.

5. Use syntactic trees to explain what is meant by the following terms in the description of syntactic phenomena.
 - (a) Head to Head Movement
 - (b) Wh-movement
 - (c) NP Movement