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DEPARTMENT OF LINGUISTICS AND LANGUAGES

FOURTH YEAR FIRST SEMESTER EXAMINATION FOR BACHELOR OF
EDUCATION

AEN 400: ADVANCED THEORETICAL STUDIES IN GRAMMAR

DATE: 31/7/2017

TIME : 11:00 – 1:00 PM

INSTRUCTIONS:

Answer Question One and Any Two Questions

1. Explain and exemplify the contribution of traditional and structural grammar to the study of language in the following areas.
 - (a) Classification of words into parts of speech.
 - (b) Analysis of the sentence into functional elements
 - (c) Grammatical categories of number and person
 - (d) Grammatical categories of tense and aspect
 - (e) Immediate Constituent Analysis (30 marks)

2. Use the sentence below to answer the questions that follow:

The sentence
The room might have been being painted by the artist.

 - (a) Write the following types of sentences:
 - (i) Negative sentence
 - (ii) Interrogative sentence (4 marks)

- (b) Formulate re-write rules and use them to draw a phrase marker showing:
- (i) The deep structure (structural description)
 - (ii) The surface structure (structural change) (16 marks)
3. With appropriate examples from English, discuss five ways in which inflectional and derivational morphemes can be distinguished. (20 marks)
4. Clarify and exemplify the following claims of the X-bar theoretical framework.
- (a) All phrases have heads and possibly, specifiers and complements
 - (b) X double bar is the maximal projection of X
 - (c) A specifier and complement are functional elements
 - (d) A phrase is identified by the lexical category of its head
 - (e) Phrases have an intermediate category.
5. Discuss the contribution of the systemic functional linguistics approach to the study of language. (20 marks)