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SCHOOL OF HUMANITIES AND SOCIAL SCIENCES

DEPARTMENT OF LINGUISTICS AND LANGUAGES

FIRST YEAR FIRST SEMESTER EXAMINATION FOR DIPLOMA IN EDUCATION

AEN 0104: MORPHOLOGY AND SYNTAX

DATE: 29/5/2017

TIME:

INSTRUCTIONS:

Answer Question One and Any Other Two Questions

1.
 - a) What is the most important concept in morphology and why? (3 marks)
 - b) Define the following morphological terms and give one example of each:
 - i. Base (2 marks)
 - ii. Morph (2 marks)
 - iii. Stem (2 marks)
 - iv. Clipping (3 marks)
 - v. A preposition (2 marks)
 - vi. A clause (2 marks)
 - c) Explain the difference between syntagmatic and paradigmatic relations (4 marks)
 - d) Use one example to explain the grammatical basis of structuralism (2 marks)
 - e) Use two examples to explain what phrase structure analysis is (4 marks)
 - f) Use one example of each to show the difference between acronyms and blending as word formation strategies (4 marks)
2.
 - a) Using two examples of each category, analyze the three categories of affixes (12 marks)

- b) Define any four types of phrases. Use one example of each. (8 marks)
3. a) Discuss, using examples, four ways in which structuralism improved the definition of a noun. (12 marks)
- b) Give the structural definition of a verb and explain any three ways that you can use to tell that a word is a verb in a sentence (8 marks)
4. Using two appropriate examples for each category, discuss four shortfalls of Traditional Grammar. (20 marks)
5. Pick any four concepts that you have studied in this unit and explain how they can be useful in dealing with any other language other than English (20 marks)