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DEPARTMENT OF LINGUISTICS AND LANGUAGES

FIRST SEMESTER EXAMINATION FOR DEGREE IN BACHELOR OF EDUCATION

AEN 203: MORPHOLOGY, SYNTAX AND SEMANTICS

Date: 1/8/2016

Time: 2:00 – 4:00 PM

INSTRUCTIONS

Answer Question 1 and any two others.

QUESTION ONE (30 MARKS)

- a) Distinguish between the following linguistic levels: (6 marks)
- i) Syntax
 - ii) Morphology
 - iii) Semantics
- b) Illustrate and explain the difference between the Content and Function words (2 marks)
- c) Illustrate how a single word may be composed of: (8 marks)
- i. one morpheme
 - ii. two morphemes
 - iii. three morphemes
 - iv. four morphemes
 - v. five morphemes

- d) Change the word order of the following sentences to bring out a difference in structure as well as the meaning. (10 marks)
- i. Did he who he was?
 - ii. He wanted to marry Jane
 - iii. I 'll have it copied within a minute
 - iv. Who has John rung up?
- e) Explain word classification according to traditional grammar and updated classification of words. (4 marks)

QUESTION TWO (20 MARKS)

- a) Draw two phrase structure trees representing the two meanings of the sentence. (10 marks)
- Indicate which meaning goes with which tree.
- 'The magician touched the child with the wand.'*
- b) Draw phrase structure trees for the following sentences. (10 marks)
- i) The house on the hill collapsed in the wind.
 - ii) The hot sun melted the ice.
 - iii) A fast car with twin cams sped by the children on the grassy lane.

QUESTION THREE (20 MARKS)

- a) Words have lexical relations. Explain the word relations in:
- i. Complimentary antonyms
 - ii. Relational pairs
- b) With a relevant example explain the following meaning
- i) Social meaning
 - ii) Thematic meaning

QUESTION FOUR (20 MARKS)

- a) Illustrate **eight** ways on how inflectional morphology mark grammatical category. (16 marks)
- b) Illustrate **four** ways on derivational morphology. (4 marks)

QUESTION FIVE (20MARKS)

- a) Illustrate and define the following concepts in relation to variations in language: (12 marks)
- i. Dialect
 - ii. Time
 - iii. Province
 - iv. Status
 - v. Modality
 - vi. Singularity
- b) Discuss four ways in which context influences meaning. (8 marks)