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DEPARTMENT OF LINGUISTICS AND LANGUAGES

SECOND YEAR SECOND SEMESTER EXAMINATION FOR

BACHELOR OF EDUCATION (ARTS)

BACHELOR OF ARTS

AEN 203: MORPHOLOGY, SYNTAX AND SEMANTICS

DATE: 10/5/2019

TIME: 2:00 – 4:00 PM

INSTRUCTIONS:

Answers Question ONE and TWO other questions, one from each of the sections.

SECTION A: SYNTAX (COMPULSORY) (30 MARKS)

1. a) Consider the sentence *The teacher will order the drinks before the meal.*
Using **two** tests for each case show why the phrases below are a constituent.
 - i) The teacher (4 marks)
 - ii) The drinks (4 marks)
 - iii) Before the meal (4 marks)
 - iv) Order the drinks (4 marks)
 - v) Order the drinks before the meal (4 marks)
- b) Draw a tree diagram for the above sentence. (10 marks)

SECTION B: MORPHOLOGY

2. a) Show the relationship between morphemes, morphs and allomorphs. (9 marks)
- b) Identify and illustrate any three word formation processes. (6 marks)
- c) 'The notion of **word** is not homogeneous'. Discuss the validity of this statement.
(5 marks)

3. a) Use examples to differentiate inflectional and derivational morphemes. (4 marks)
- b) Analyze the following words into constituent morphemes and group the morphemes as either free or bound. State the function of the bound morpheme. (16 marks)
- i) Shortened
- ii) Inconsistency
- iii) Morphemically

SECTION C: SEMANTICS

4. a) Discuss any four types of meaning using clear examples. (12 marks)
- b) Distinguish between sense and reference giving examples. (8 marks)
5. Using examples, define the following terms; (20 marks)
- i) Hyponyms
- ii) Antonyms
- iii) Synonyms
- iv) Homonyms
- v) Indirect speech act