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FOURTH YEAR FIRST SEMESTER EXAMINATION FOR BACHELOR OF
EDUCATION

AEN 405: FUNCTIONAL GRAMMAR

DATE: 3/8/2017

TIME : 11:00 – 1:00 PM

INSTRUCTIONS

*This paper consists of **FIVE** questions*

*Answer question **ONE** and other **TWO** questions in this paper*

QUESTION ONE (COMPULSORY) (30 MARKS)

- a) Highlight the theme in the following sentences and state if it is nominal, prepositional or adverbial. (6 marks)
- i) In the dark, the dog chased the boy
 - ii) Suddenly, the dog chased the boy.
 - iii) The boy was chased by the dog.
- b) Write and illustrate **three** features that are common with both Prague school and systemantic functional grammar. (9 marks)
- c) Identify the theme and rheme in each of the following sentences (8 marks)
- i) Whether they protest or not is immaterial
 - ii) Has anyone seen the players?
 - iii) About that deal forget it.

- iv) My boss, a professional accountant, insists on quality work.
- d) Analyse the following sentences in the mode of clause as an exchange. (7 marks)
- i) The principal granted us permission reluctantly.
- ii) The team manager considered him an asset.
- iii) The stadium is being renovated on weekdays

QUESTION TWO (20 MARKS)

- a) Analyse the following sentences in the mode of a clause as representation (10 marks)
- i) My brother loves football with a passion
- ii) I bought my friend a present on her birthday.
- iii) The bus arrived quite early
- iv) The students have been working very hard for the last one week.
- b) Explain three major differences between formal and informal grammar. (10 marks)

QUESTION THREE (20 MARKS)

With illustrations distinguish the three met functions of language (20 marks)

QUESTION FOUR (20 MARKS)

Explain with illustrations the **four** speech functions of a clause as an exchange (20 marks)

QUESTION FIVE (20 MARKS)

Discuss the statement that. Transformational Generative Grammar and Functional Grammar differ in the ways they view language (20 marks)