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RESIT EXAMINATION PAPER: July 2016

B.A. DEGREE

TITLE OF PAPER: Morphology and Syntax

COURSE NUMBER: ALL104

TIME ALLOWED: THREE (3) HOURS

INSTRUCTIONS:

- 1. ANSWER FOUR (4) QUESTIONS IN ALL.**
- 2. CHOOSE TWO (2) QUESTIONS FROM SECTION A.**
- 3. CHOOSE TWO (2) QUESTIONS FROM SECTION B.**

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Section A

Syntax

Question 1

(i) Draw two (2) different complete phrase structure trees for the following sentence:

(a) The entomologist caught the insect in the bathroom.

(ii) Define the concepts “subject” and “direct object” in terms of phrase structure.

(iii) For each of the trees that you have drawn in (i), identify both the subject and the direct object.

(iv) Define sisters in terms of domination. Identify one (1) example of sisters in each of the trees you have drawn in (i).

[25 marks]

Question 2

(i) Name and define three (3) thematic roles.

(ii) Give one (1) example of a sentence with a transitive verb and one (1) example of a sentence with an intransitive verb from a language or languages of your choice.

(iii) Identify each thematic role in the sentences you gave in (ii).

(iv) Use your example of a sentence with a transitive verb in (ii) to show how thematic roles are linked to NP nodes in a phrase structure tree.

[25 marks]

Question 3

(i) Define syntax.

(ii) Define the lexicon.

(iii) Describe one (1) difference between linguistic information expressed by syntactic rules and linguistic information expressed by lexical entries.

(iv) Give one example of linguistic information that is expressed by syntactic rules from a language or languages of your choice. Justify your choice of example.

(v) Give one example of linguistic information that is expressed by lexical entries from a language or languages of your choice. Justify your choice of example.

[25 marks]

Section B

Morphology

Question 4

Define five (5) of the following terms. For each term, give one (1) example from a language of your choice. You may use more than one language in your examples.

- (i) complex words
- (ii) prefix
- (iii) bound morpheme
- (iv) suffix
- (v) cliticization
- (vi) morphology

[25 marks]

Question 5

Define morphophonemics. What is the relationship between a morpheme and its allomorph? Describe the differences between inflectional and derivational morphology. Give one (1) example of an inflectional morpheme and its allomorph and one (1) example of a derivational morpheme and its allomorph from a language or languages of your choice.

[25 marks]

Question 6

Define reduplication. What is the difference between total and partial reduplication? Give one (1) example of total reduplication and one (1) example of partial reduplication from a language or languages of your choice. Name three (3) grammatical categories which may be encoded by reduplication crosslinguistically. Give one (1) example of a reduplication morpheme for each of these categories from a language or languages of your choice.

[25 marks]

End of Question Paper