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RESIT EXAMINATION PAPER

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TITLE OF PAPER: MORPHOLOGY AND SYNTAX

COURSE CODE: IDE-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.

4. LINGUISTIC EXPRESSIONS AND FORMALISM SHOULD BE USED WHENEVER APPROPRIATE.

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SECTION A: SYNTAX

CHOOSE TWO (2) QUESTIONS FOR THIS SECTION

QUESTION 1

(a) Use English sentences to illustrate the arguments needed by the following types of verbs;

    (i) Ditransitive verb   (4)

    (iii) Transitive verb   (3)

    (vi) Intransitive verb   (2)

(b) Draw a phrase structure tree to represent the following sentence:

    A very cute lady sings badly in the choir.   (16)

                                                                       [25 marks]

QUESTION 2

(a) With illustrations, describe the following terms;

    (i) Functional categories   (4)

(ii) Structural ambiguity   (5)

(iii) Syntax   (3)

(iv) Universal grammar   (3)

(v) Phrase structure tress   (4)

(b) Read the following sentences and answer the questions that follow:

    1. The thief stole my money.

    2. My money was stolen by the thief.

    (i) Name and explain the transformational rule that has been applied in sentence (1) in order to get sentence (2).   (4)

    (ii) What is direct domination in a phrase structure tree?   (2)

                                                                       [25 marks]

QUESTION 3

(a) Read the following sentence and answer the questions that follow;

The soldier killed the man with a gun.

(i) Draw two (2) clear and neat phrase structure trees to represent the syntactic ambiguity of the sentence above. (14)

(ii) Give two (2) possible meanings for the above sentence. Indicate which of the trees that you drew in (i) corresponds to each meaning. (4)

(b) Describe the movement test as a test for constituency. Provide illustrations to support your answer. (4)

(c) Name and describe one thematic role. (3)

[25 marks]

SECTION B: MORPHOLOGY

CHOOSE TWO (2) QUESTIONS FOR THIS SECTION

QUESTION 4

(a) Describe the following terms. For each term, give 2 examples from a language of your choice.

    (i) Circumfix   (5)

    (ii) Infixes   (5)

    (iii) Borrowing   (5)

    (iv) Blending   (5)

    (iv) Complex words   (5)

                                                    [25 marks]

QUESTION 5

(a) Divide the following words into their separate morphemes. Label each morpheme as lexical, inflectional, or derivational.

(i) Picked   (3)

(iii) Bookshelf   (3)

(iv) Ungovernable   (4)

(v) Legalize   (3)

(b) Read the following words, state and describe the word-formation process that has been used to form each word.

    (i) *ngcondvomshina* 'a computer'   (4)

    (ii) Prof   (4)

    (iii) bookcase   (4)

                                                    [25 marks]

QUESTION 6

(a) (i) Define the term reduplication. (2)

(ii) With illustrations from a language of your choice, describe the difference between partial reduplication and total reduplication. (4)

(b) With the aid of examples, describe the following terms:

(i) Morphophonemic (3)

(ii) Syllable (3)

(iii) Cliticization (4)

(iv) Suppletion (3)

(viii) Free morphemes (3)

(v) Acronyms (3)

[25 marks]