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RESIT EXAMINATION PAPER: JANUARY 2019

B.A. DEGREE

TITLE OF PAPER: ADVANCED SYNTAX

COURSE NUMBER: ALL204 / IDE ALL204

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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Choose two (2) questions from each section.

SECTION A

Question 1

Give one (1) example of an object constituent question with an embedded clause as complement to VP in Modern English. Draw a complete X-bar theoretic tree for the example that you give. Show all instances of movement. [25 marks]

Question 2

Define the terms transitive verb, unaccusative verb and unergative verb. Give the predicate-argument structure of each of these predicate types in angle brackets. Give one (1) example of a sentence with each of these predicate-argument structures from any language except Modern English. Why does linguistic theory distinguish between two types of intransitive verb? [25 marks]

Question 3

Choose two (2) lexical categories and one (1) non-lexical category. Use the X-bar schema to show how phrases headed by each of the categories that you have chosen has a structure that is parallel to the structure of the other two. For two (2) of these categories, state what types of phrases may appear as specifiers and complements in phrases headed by them. How would parallel phrase structures assist in first language acquisition? [25 marks]

SECTION B

Question 4

Define each of the following terms: 1) yes-no question, 2) specifier, 3) predicate-argument structure, 4) head, 5) CP. [25 marks]

Question 5

Define Subject-Verb Inversion. Name two (2) types of Subject-Verb Inversion from any two (2) languages of your choice. Give one (1) example of each of the two types of Subject-Verb Inversion that you name in the relevant language. [25 marks]

Question 6

Give one (1) example of a Modern English sentence that contains at least two (2) AdjPs and at least two (2) AdvPs. Draw a complete X-bar theoretic phrase structure tree for this sentence. List and explain the properties of AdjP and AdvP that account for their position in the phrase structure tree.

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