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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) Describe phrase structure rules. (3)

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

The policeman lacks proof that the prisoner escaped from prison

(i) Draw a phrase structure tree to represent the above sentence. (20)

(ii) Use the sentence you have drawn in (i) to illustrate direct domination. (2)

[25 marks]

QUESTION 2

(a) Define the term generative grammar. (2)

(b) With illustrations, describe a constituency. (5)

(c) With illustrations from English language, describe the following tests for constituency:

(i) Substitution test (5)

(ii) Stand-alone test (5)

(d) With illustration from English language, describe the difference between lexical and grammatical categories. (8)

[25 marks]

QUESTION 3

(a) With the aid of examples, describe the following terms;

(i) Lexicon (5)

(ii) Arguments (5)

(iii) Surface structure (5)

(iv) Embedded clauses (5)

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

He died peacefully (5)

[25 marks]

SECTION B: MORPHOLOGY

CHOOSE TWO (2) QUESTIONS FOR THIS SECTION

QUESTION 4

Discuss the differences between inflectional and derivation morphology. Provide relevant examples to support your answer. **[25 marks]**

QUESTION 5

Name and discuss five (5) word-formation processes. Provide illustrations for each process you have discussed.

[25 marks]

QUESTION 6

(a) Describe the following terms, and provide illustrations:

- (i) lexeme (4)
- (ii) bound roots (4)
- (iii) morphemes (4)
- (iv) Morphology (4)
- (v) Allomorphs (4)

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

sandvo 'hammer'

unacceptable

- (i) In the word *sandvo* 'hammer' state the prefix and the stem. (2)
- (ii) In the word 'unacceptable' state the prefix, root and suffix. (3)

[25 marks]