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FIRST SEMESTER EXAMINATION

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COURSE TITLE: INTRODUCTION TO MORPHOLOGY AND SYNTAX

COURSE CODE: ENG 202

TIME ALLOWED: TWO (2) HOURS

INSTRUCTIONS:

- 1. This paper is divided into two (2) Sections.**
- 2. Answer All questions in Sections A and B.**
- 3. Each question is worth (20) marks.**
- 4. Presentation of answers should follow linguistic conventions and appropriate structures.**

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SECTION A

1. Study the passage below with which Henry James's novel, *The Portrait of a Lady*, begins, and answer the questions which follow.

Under certain circumstances there are few hours in life more agreeable than the hour dedicated to the ceremony known as afternoon tea. There are circumstances in which, whether you partake of the tea or not- some people of course never do- the situation is in itself delightful. Those that I have in mind in beginning to unfold this simple history offered an admirable setting to an innocent pastime. The implements of the little feast had been disposed upon the lawn of an old English country house in what I should call the perfect middle of a splendid summer afternoon.

- a. Identify the bound morphemes contained in the underlined words in the above passage. [9 marks]
- b. Use the affix in each underlined word in two different words in sentence form.[9 marks]
- c. Identify the compound words in the text. State the word class to which each of them belongs. [2marks]

(20 marks)

2. Using two examples for each of the following, briefly explain:

- a. zero suffixation.
- b. Derivation
- c. Inflection
- d. compounding
- e. Blending

(20 marks)

SECTION B

1. Discuss in detail the five (5) functional roles of an English sentence listed below using two relevant examples for each.
 - i. Subject [2 marks]
 - ii. Verb [2 marks]
 - iii. Object [2 marks]
 - iv. Complement [2 marks]
 - v. Adverbial [2 marks]

(10 marks)

2. Explain the following concepts and illustrate your answer with two (2) relevant examples for each.

- i. Transformation Rules [2 marks]
- ii. Deep structure [2 marks]
- iii. Surface structure [2 marks]
- iv. Intermediate structure [2 marks]
- v. Phrase structure rules [2 marks]

(10 marks)

(TOTAL 20)