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FINAL EXAMINATION PAPER
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**TITLE OF PAPER: AN INTRODUCTION TO ENGLISH MORPHOLOGY
AND SYNTAX**

COURSE CODE : ENG 202/ IDE- ENG 202

TIME ALLOWED: TWO (2) HOURS

INSTRUCTIONS:

1. This paper has four (4) questions
2. Question 1 is compulsory.
3. Choose one other question from Questions 2 to Question 4.
4. Question 1 is worth forty (40) marks and Questions 2-4 are worth twenty (20) marks each.
5. Presentation of answers should follow linguistic conventions where necessary and good language will attract credit.

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QUESTION 1 (COMPULSORY)

(a) Describe fully the underlined morphemes.

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| (i) | <u>Mal</u> practice | [3 marks] |
| (ii) | <u>Arch</u> bishop | [3 marks] |
| (iii) | Own <u>er</u> s | [3 marks] |
| (iv) | Girl' <u>s</u> | [3 marks] |
| (v) | Own <u>s</u> | [3 marks] |
| (vi) | Musical <u>l</u> | [3 marks] |
| (vii) | Washed <u>ed</u> | [2 marks] |

[20 marks]

(b) Discuss the following clause elements and give appropriate examples to illustrate your answer:

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| (i) | Subject | [3 marks] |
| (ii) | Predicate | [4 marks] |
| (iii) | Adverbial | [3 marks] |

[10 marks]

(c) Discuss any three (3) tests that can be used to determine a Phrase Structure.

[10 marks]

TOTAL: [40 MARKS]

QUESTION 2

(a) Draw the hierarchical structures for the following words:

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| (i) | Virtuous | [3 marks] |
| (ii) | Foreknowledge | [5 marks] |
| (iii) | Desks | [2 marks] |

[10 marks]

- (b) (i) What is affixation? [5 marks]
- (ii) Explain in detail how the process of affixation has been used in the formation of the word disabilities. [5 marks]

[20 marks]

QUESTION 3

Draw a tree diagram for the following sentence, and list the phrase structure rules that have informed the structure of the tree diagram:

This cute little girl passed the examinations with flying colours. [20 marks]

QUESTION 4

Discuss the following morphological and syntactic concepts:

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| (i) | Conversion | [2 marks] |
| (ii) | Inflectional and derivational morphemes | [4 marks] |
| (iii) | Transformational Rules | [2 marks] |
| (iv) | Phrase Structure | [2 marks] |
| (v) | Phrase Structure Rule | [3 marks] |
| (vi) | Root, stem, base | [3 marks] |
| (vii) | Complement | [2 marks] |
| (viii) | Canonical sentence | [2 marks] |

Illustrate your answer with one example, and a comment

TOTAL: [20 marks]