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SUPPLEMENTARY EXAMINATION PAPER

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TITLE OF PAPER: 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 thirty (30) marks and Questions 2-4 are worth twenty (20) marks each.**
- 5. Presentation of answers should follow linguistic conventions where necessary, and good language use will attract credit.**

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QUESTION 1 (COMPULSORY)

(a) Represent the following words in tree diagrams:

- (i) Bookworm [3 marks]
- (ii) Unexplainable [3 marks]
- (iii) Tax collectors [4 marks]
- (iv) Internationalization [5 marks]

(b) Using the criteria: meaning, inflection and distribution, identify the grammatical categories of the following words:

- (i) School [5 marks]
- (ii) Careful [5 marks]
- (iii) Play [5 marks]

[TOTAL: 30 MARKS]

QUESTION 2

(a) Explain how the sentence Do those birds sing? has been derived using the Transformational Generative Grammar approach.

[10 marks]

(b) Draw the deep structure and the surface structure of the sentence in (a). [10 marks]

[TOTAL: 20 MARKS]

QUESTION 3

(a) Explain why English compounds must be learnt as if they were individual whole words. Use examples to illustrate your answer.

[12 marks]

(b) Define the term "borrowing".

[2 marks]

(c) Explain what is meant by "nativization of loanwords". [2 marks]

(d) Discuss one morphological process involved in the nativization of loanwords in the English language. Use examples to illustrate your answer. [4 marks]

[TOTAL: 20 MARKS]

QUESTION 4

Define the following terms:

- (a) Direct borrowing [2 marks]
- (b) Allomorph [2 marks]
- (c) Root morpheme [2 marks]
- (d) Stem morpheme [2 marks]
- (e) Clause [2 marks]
- (f) right dislocated sentence [2 marks]
- (g) echo question [2 marks]
- (h) Transformational Rules [3marks]
- (i) Noun Bar [3 marks]

[TOTAL: 20 MARKS]