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**COURSE CODE: AEN 404**

**COURSE TITLE: ADVANCES IN THE DESCRIPTION OF ENGLISH SYNTAX**

**EXAM VENUE:**

**STREAM: (BED )**

**DATE:**

**EXAM SESSION:**

**TIME: 2 HOURS**

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**Instructions:**

- 1. Answer Question ONE (COMPULSORY) and ANY other 2 questions**
- 2. Candidates are advised not to write on the question paper.**
- 3. Candidates must hand in their answer booklets to the invigilator while in the examination room.**

### Question 1 (Compulsory) (30 Marks)

- a. What is the difference between prescriptive and descriptive grammar? (4 marks)
- b. Highlight any FOUR weaknesses of prescriptive grammar (8 marks)
- c. Provide sentences that could satisfy the following re-write rules. (6 marks)
  - i. NP - (Det) (Mod.) NP (PP).
  - ii. PP- P (NP)
  - iii. VP- V (NP) (PP) (Adv)
- d. Identify the head, complementizer and specifier in the following Noun Phrases. (NPs) (6 marks)
  - i. The young man in brown shirt.
  - ii. A little child
  - iii. Whose child?
- e. Explain the criteria that determine a constituency of a sentence. (6 marks)

### Question 2 (20 Marks)

- a. Identify any TWO weaknesses of Phrase Structure Grammar (PSG) over Transformational Generative Grammar (TGG) (5 Marks)
- b. Using the TGG rules, analyze the following sentences. (16 Marks)
  - i. He does not stay where.
  - ii. Doesn't he speak English?
  - iii. They have been beaten.
  - iv. The school is not good for students.

### Question 3 (20 Marks)

Using English constructions, explain the following tenets as applied in Government and Binding (GB) theory. (20 Marks)

- a. Government
- b. Binding
- c. Bounding
- d. C-Command

**Question 4 (20 Marks)**

Draw a structural description Phrase Marker for the following sentences.

- i. A young man visited us.
- ii. Who is coming home?
- iii. I am not.
- iv. Call him.
- v. Round the table, lies a cut.

**Question 5 (20 Marks)**

- a. Using examples in English discuss the principles A, B and C as applied in Binding theory. (20 Marks)