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MAIN CAMPUS-SB

COURSE CODE: AEN 404

COURSE TITLE: ADVANCES IN THE DESCRIPTION OF ENGLISH SYNTAX

EXAM VENUE: **STREAM: (BED)**

DATE: **EXAM SESSION:**

TIME: 2 HOURS

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.**

1. a) What is linguistic theory? (2 marks)
   b) Giving adequate illustrations discuss Traditional Grammar and Functional Grammar. (16 marks)
   c) Discuss Passive and Interrogative Transformations. (8 marks)
   d) State the key assumptions of Government and Binding theory. (4 marks)
2. a) State the key features of Transformational Generative Grammar. (4 marks)
   b) Outline the concept of Immediate Constituent Analysis (ICA) giving its strengths and weaknesses (10 marks)
   c) Analyse the following sentences using Phrase Structure representation. (6 marks)
       i) The children played the old piano.
       ii) John thinks his boss is a psychopath.
       iii) Wemba collapsed slowly on the stage.

3. a) With adequate illustrations, discuss the following subcomponent theories of the Government and Binding Theory. (10 marks)
   i)   Case theory
   ii)   Binding theory

   b) Discuss the following concepts under Chomsky's the Minimalism Program. (10 marks)

    i) Economy of Derivation.
    ii) Economy of Representation.
4. a) Giving examples, define the following terms. (8 marks)
   i)   Head
   ii)   Specifier
   iii)   Complement
   iv)   Adjunct

   b) Discuss the functional analysis of a clause as Message, as Exchange and as Representation. (12 marks)

5. a) Outline the key features of the Structuralist Grammar. (6 marks)

   b) Explain by giving examples the concepts of the Re-write rules and the Lexicon according to the Phrase Structure Component. (14 marks)