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ENGL 811: STRUCTURAL DESCRIPTION OF MODERN ENGLISH

STREAMS: MA LINGUISTICS (SB)

TIME: 3 HOURS

DAY/DATE: TUESDAY 04/12/2018

8.30 A.M. – 11.30 A.M.

INSTRUCTIONS:

- **Answer any four questions. All questions carry 15 marks each.**

1. (a) Briefly explain the source of the double object construction according to Kayne (1983) (5 marks)
- (b) English is very rich in cleft construction. Discuss. (10 marks)
2. With adequate examples, describe the following use of adjectives in English. (15 marks)
 - (a) Postpositive
 - (b) Resultative
 - (c) Depictive
 - (d) Attributive
 - (e) Predictive
3. With examples highlight the various grammatical forms that can appear with noun phrases in English. (15 marks)
4. With close reference to rationale for structural analysis, discuss the various levels of adequacy for a good linguistic theory. (15 marks)
5. (a) With examples, explain your understanding of the following concepts;
 - (i) Dative shift
 - (ii) Adverbial preposition

(b) With examples, explain any four grammatical forms that function to complete prepositional phrases. (9 marks)

6. Highlight different types of relative clauses in English and explain their functions. (15 marks)
