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**EXAMINATION FOR THE AWARD OF DEGREE OF BACHELOR OF ARTS AND
BACHELOR OF EDUCATION ARTS**

ENGL 211: MORPHOLOGY AND SYNTAX

STREAMS: B.A & BED ARTS

TIME: 2 HOURS

DAY/DATE: MONDAY 22/03/2021

11.30 A.M. – 1.30 P.M.

INSTRUCTIONS:

- **Answer three questions. Question ONE is compulsory.**

- (a) Define the following terms as used in language with examples (20 marks)

 - Morpheme
 - Free morpheme
 - Bound morpheme
 - Constituent
 - Recursion

(b) Draw tree diagrams to represent the following structures (10 marks)

 - The students danced at the party
 - They gave the boys some mangoes
 - The crowd clapped excitedly
 - The girl seemed disturbed
- (a) Define structural ambiguity. (2 marks)

(b) Draw two tree diagrams to bring out the ambiguity in these structures

 - They chased the man with a car (8 marks)
 - Ugandan history teacher (6 marks)
 - Unbuttonable (4 marks)
- Study this sentence: *The preacher taught the eager crowd in the stadium.*

- (a) Draw a tree diagram of the structure (5 marks)
- (b) Using different constituency test in each case, test the constituency of the following in the sentence. (15 marks)
- (i) The subject NP
 - (ii) The Adverb phrase
 - (iii) The object NP
 - (iv) The PP
4. (a) What are derivational morphemes? (4 marks)
- (b) Draw trees to show the word formation processes of the following structures. (16 marks)
- (i) Unavailability
 - (ii) Inconsistencies
 - (iii) Irresponsibility
 - (iv) Unrecognizable
5. Discuss with examples the following word-formation processes. (20 marks)
- (i) Conversion
 - (ii) Reduplication
 - (iii) Coinage
 - (iv) Reduction
 - (v) Backformation
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