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EXAMINATION FOR THE AWARD OF DEGREE OF BACHELOR OF EDUCATION
(ARTS)

ENGL 212: MORPHOLOGY AND SYNTAX

STREAMS: BED(ARTS) Y2S1

TIME: 2 HOURS

DAY/DATE: WEDNESDAY 03/02/2021

8.30 A.M – 10.30 A.M

INSTRUCTIONS:

Answer three questions in all. Question 1 is compulsory

1. a) What Is a constituent? [2marks]
- b) Draw tree diagrams for these structures (15marks)
- i) His very beautiful daughter
 - ii) By the road near the mountain
 - iii) Awfully boring
 - iv) He said that the children were fine
 - v) They gave him a car.
- c) b) Study this sentence: The very quiet man who sells groundnuts hit the prime minister with a stick
- i) What is the subject of the sentence? (2marks)
 - ii) Identify the embedded clause (2marks)
 - iii) What is the object of the sentence? (1mark)

iv) Give three possible substitutes for the subject of the sentence (3marks)

d) Write down the phrase structure rules for this sentence

The woman bought her son a nice car (5marks)

2 a) what is structural ambiguity? (2marks)

b) Draw two tree diagrams for each of these structures to bring out the two meanings and indicate the meaning projected by respective diagrams (8marks)

i) A white taxi driver

ii) A beautiful baby sitter

c) Draw two tree diagrams to bring out the ambiguity in this structure (8marks)

The boy hit the man with a stone

3.a) Use two appropriate constituency tests in each case to gauge whether the underlined parts in these sentences are constituents (12marks)

i)The boy disappeared in the crowd

ii) The president directed the minister to release the funds.

ii)The choir performed dismally at the carnivore.

4. a) Differentiate between these morphemes with examples [8marks]

i) Lexical and functional

ii) Derivational and inflectional

b) Do a morphological analysis of all the elements in this sentence

The children's courageous acts pleased the parents (12marks)

5. Draw tree diagrams to show the formation of these words (20marks)

i) mismanagement

ii) undependable

iii) hopelessness

iv) sustainability

v)unapologetically
