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MAIN EXAMINATION

FOR THE DEGREE OF BACHELOR OF EDUCATION
PART TIME

COURSE CODE: ENG 311

**COURSE TITLE: THE STRUCTURE OF THE MODERN ENGLISH
SENTENCE II**

DATE:

TIME:

INSTRUCTION TO CANDIDATES

Answer Question ONE and any other TWO questions

TIME: 2 Hours

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QUESTION ONE

- a) With clear examples in each case, differentiate between the following concepts as used in syntax. (16mks)
- Form and Function of clause
 - Dangling modifiers and Squinting modifiers
 - Finite clause and Non-finite clause
 - Subject Complement and Object Complement
- b) Analyse the following sentences in terms of the clause elements SVOAC (5mks)
- My mother gave me a present during my birthday.
 - At that moment, I was totally shocked.
 - James is playing football with his daughter
 - Eventually the investigative team found him guilty.
 - This pandemic is quite unpredictable.
- c) Using clear illustrations, examine the place of Grammar in language structure (9mks)

QUESTION TWO

- a. Provide two sentences with each of the following structural specifications (10mks)
- A sentence with asyndetic coordination.
 - A sentence with a that-clause as subject of the sentence.
 - A multiple sentence.
 - A sentence containing a verbless clause.
 - A sentence with a negative command
- b. With a reason in each case, state whether each of the following sentences is a simple, compound or complex sentence. (10mks)
- I have a story; this story is very interesting.
 - Babies do often sleep for long hours.
 - I want to go home.
 - The security gave me all the assistance I needed.
 - The house had been sold already.

QUESTION THREE

Draw a tree diagram to capture each of the following sentences.

- Operating a business is quite easy.
- I suspect that the thief was armed.
- The man who we met yesterday has come.
- Did you say whether the letter you wrote yesterday was urgent?
- That you have come is quite surprising.

QUESTION FOUR

With clear sentence examples, discuss any FIVE syntactic functions of *indirect Wh-questions* in a modern English sentence. (20mks)

QUESTION FIVE

- a) Differentiate between the following concepts in modern English sentence (8mks)
- i. Controlled PRO and Indefinite PRO
 - ii. Trace and Landing site
- b) Underline the embedded non-finite clause in each of the following sentences and state its syntactic function; (12mks)
- i. Ryan expects Mary to feed the dog.
 - ii. What Ryan expects is Mary to feed the dog.
 - iii. They all expected her to fail.
 - iv. The proposal to erect the wall was weird.
 - v. The tree toppled by the wind was very strong.
 - vi. Generally speaking, that doesn't work.