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FOURTH YEAR FIRST SEMESTER**

SPECIAL/SUPPLEMENTARY EXAMINATION

**FOR THE DEGREE OF
BACHELOR OF EDUCATION (ARTS)**

COURSE CODE: ENG 412

COURSE TITLE: ADVANCED DESCRIPTION OF ENGLISH GRAMMAR

DATE: 14TH NOVEMBER, 2022

TIME: 11.00AM-1.00PM

INSTRUCTION TO CANDIDATES

Answer Question **ONE** and any other **TWO** Questions.

TIME: 2 Hours

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QUESTION ONE - COMPULSORY (30 MARKS)

- a) Explain learnability and universality as criteria for an adequate theory of grammar. (6 marks)
- b) State three distinguishing features between Structural and Traditional Grammars. (6 marks)
- c) Provide re-write rules for the two sentences below:
- John should have left for Nairobi yesterday evening.
 - The fourth years are expected to proceed for their teaching practice.
- d) Explain the meaning of Universal Grammar (UG) in language study. (6 marks)
- e) Distinguish between Deep and Surface structure representation of a sentence. (6 marks)

QUESTION TWO (20 MARKS)

- a) Provide a surface structure (SS) representation for the following re-write rules: (8 marks)
- $S \rightarrow \text{Pro} + \text{Present tense} + \text{Modal} + V + \text{ADV} + D + D + N + V$
 - $S \rightarrow \text{PN} + \text{Past tense} + \text{Be} + \text{en} + V + P + D + N + \text{ADV}$
- b) Use bracketing to show the two meanings in the sentence below then draw two phrase markers for each meaning: *Mary saw the man with spectacles.* (12 marks)

QUESTION THREE (20 MARKS)

- a) State the number of arguments that the following predicates take then construct relevant sentences for each predicate: (6 marks)
- put
 - think
 - send
- b) Provide re-write rules for the following sentences: (6 marks)
- She left for the city by bus
 - John should have known him to trust him
 - Is he the son to the mayor of Nairobi?
- c) Construct a phrase marker for a negative SC transformation of the following. (8 marks)
- The teachers should go on strike tomorrow*

QUESTION FOUR (20 MARKS)

- a) Draw an X-bar representation of the following phrases: (8 marks)
- Quite certain about the party
 - Almost in the city
 - Always love your country
 - The man with a car
- b) Draw an IP phrase marker for the following sentence: (8 marks)
- The little boy might drown if he swims clumsily*
- c) Derive an interrogative from the following declarative then explain why you front one of the wh-word and not the other. (4 marks)
- John should give what to who.*

QUESTION FIVE (20 MARKS)

- a) Explain why the following constructions are ungrammatical based on theta theory. (6 marks)

- i. *Odhiambo put the cup.
 - ii. *Odhiambo put on the table.
 - iii. *Put on the table.
- b) Explain why (i) is ungrammatical and not (ii) based on case assignment. (5 marks)
- i. *He/Him to come now would be a shock.
 - ii. For her to come now would be a shock.
- c) For each sentence below, identify the Binding Principle violated and how: (9 marks)
- i. *Peter said that the idiot had arrived.
 - ii. *Peter likes each other.
 - iii. *Peter thinks that a picture of him is on sale.