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REGULAR PROGRAMME

ENG 402: ADVANCED THEORETICAL SYNTAX

Date: APRIL 2022

Duration: 2 Hours

INSTRUCTIONS: Answer Question ONE and any TWO Questions

Q1. a) with the help of three clear examples in each case, explain the following terminologies used in syntax

- i. Theta marking (4 Marks)
- ii. Deep structure (4 Marks)
- iii. Surface structure (4 Marks)
- iv. Theoretical syntax (3 Marks)

b) Discuss immediate constituent analysis/ICA as a theory in this unit (15 Marks)

Q2. Using clear examples distinguish between theta marking theory and movement theory (20 Marks)

Q3. Draw a tree diagram for each of the sentences below so as to indicate both their grammatical and sentential functions (20 Marks)

- i. I will cook the green vegetables in the morning for breakfast
- ii. I am eating rice and beans,
- iii. The young children were playing along the road in the morning
- iv. The leopard killed the antelope yesterday
- v. You could move that box on the chair
- vi. He kicked the bucket with his shoe

Q4. Many linguists view TGG superior to phrase structure grammar, how is this possible (20 Marks)

Q5. What is lexical functional grammar (20 Marks)

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