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MAIN EXAMINATION

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DEPARTMENT OF LANGUAGES LITERATURE & COMMUNICATION

REGULAR PROGRAMME

ENG 402: ADVANCED THEORETICAL SYNTAX

Date: July 2022	**Duration:** 2 Hours

Instructions: Answer Question **ONE** and any other **TWO** Questions

QUESTION ONE

a) Analyse the sentence in bold using the techniques below.

The boy came into the room.

   i) Bracketing

   ii) Labeled Brackets

   iii) Tree Diagram   **(9 Marks)**

b) Giving your own examples in each case, explain what is meant by the following terms: -

   i) Intermediate projection

   ii) Principle of greed

   iii) Ergative predicate   **(9 Marks)**

c) "That there are intermediate categories between words and phrases is made explicit by the X-Bar theory". Discuss the claim, drawing examples from the following phrases: -

   i) Noun Phrases

   ii) Verb Phrases

   iii) Adjectives Phrases

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iv) Prepositional phrases **(12 Marks)**

QUESTION TWO

Briefly give the main tenets of the following theories: -

     i)   Case theory.

     ii) Binding theory.

     iii) Bounding theory.

     iv) Control theory

     v) Government theory. **(20 Marks)**

QUESTION THREE

    a) With sentential illustrations and tree diagrams explain the following concepts used in Government and Binding Theory.

        i)   Governor

        ii) m-command

        iii) Barrier **(10 Marks)**

    b) Use tree diagram to illustrate and then explain how dependent phrases are governed and assigned case by their government heads **(10 Marks)**

QUESTION FOUR

With adequate illustrations account for the distribution of nominal as stipulated by the Binding Theory. **(20 Marks)**

QUESTION FIVE

Using illustrations of your own, provide a descriptive and diagrammatic minimalist account of the formation of **yes – no** and wh - -question. **(20 Marks)**

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