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KIRIRI WOMENS' UNIVERSITY OF SCIENCE AND TECHNOLOGY
UNIVERSITY EXAMINATION, 2024/2025 ACADEMIC YEAR
SECOND YEAR, FIRST SEMESTER EXAMINATION
FOR THE DEGREE OF BACHELOR OF EDUCATION(ARTS)
KEN 2206:ENGLISH SYNTAX

Date: 9th April 2024
Time: 2:30pm-4.30pm

INSTRUCTIONS TO CANDIDATES:

ANSWER QUESTION ONE (COMPULSORY) AND ANY OTHER TWO QUESTIONS

QUESTION ONE (30 MARKS)

- a) Describe the structure of an utterance as a grammatical unit in syntax. (2 marks)
- b) Using the knowledge on syntax acquired from this unit, describe the following concepts that are used in Phrase Structure Grammar:
- i) Deep structure. (4 marks)
- ii) Surface structure. (4 marks)
- c) Expound on the **four** functions of a noun clause in English Grammar. (8 marks)
- d) Construct tree diagrams for the following phrases using the knowledge learnt from Phrase Structure Grammar.
- i) Eating an apple. (3 marks)
- ii) The young men at the entrance. (3 marks)
- iii) In the dark night. (3 marks)
- e) State **three** ways in which transformational rules function in sentence analysis. (3 marks)

QUESTION TWO: (20 MARKS)

- a) Discuss **five** weaknesses of Phrase Structure Grammar as a technique of analyzing grammatical structures. (10 marks)
- b) For each of the following sentences, provide the correct re-write rule as required by affix hopping transformation:
- i) The children have been playing in the field. (2 marks)
- ii) Some naughty pupils were punished this morning. (2 marks)
- iii) Those older sons should have defended their distraught mother. (2 marks)
- iv) Leon was at the supermarket yesterday. (2 marks)
- v) The little girl at the front should have carried the flowers. (2 marks)

QUESTION THREE: (20 MARKS)

- a) Using sentence examples and tree diagrams, explain how the interrogative transformation is carried out in English Syntax. (10 marks)
- b) By use of tree diagrams, illustrate the structural ambiguity in the following sentences.
- i) Carol hit the child with a stick. (5 marks)
- ii) The old men and women left the room (5 marks)

QUESTION FOUR:(20 MARKS)

- a) Using the following rewrite rules, provide **three sets** of lexica for each of the following phrase structures:
- i) S-NP+AUX+VP. (3 marks)
 - ii) AP- (Adv)+Adj. (3 marks)
 - iii) NP- D+N. (3 marks)
 - iv) NP- D+(AP) +N+PP. (3 marks)
- b) Describe the development of structuralism as a grammatical approach to language analysis. (8 marks)

QUESTION FIVE:(20 MARKS)

- a) Discuss **five** different forms of aspect as realized in the analysis of the Verb element of Grammar. (10 marks)
- b) Explain the significance of the following **two** concepts in reference to grammatical relations:
- i) Subject and direct object relations (5 marks)
 - ii) Immediate dominance concept (5 marks)