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**2022/2023 ACADEMIC YEAR
THIRD YEAR SECOND SEMESTER**

**MAIN EXAMINATION
[OLD CURRICULUM]**

FOR THE DEGREE OF BACHELOR OF EDUCATION (ARTS)

COURSE CODE: ENG 311

COURSE TITLE: STRUCTURE OF MODERN ENGLISH SENTENCE II

DATE: 21ST AUGUST, 2023

TIME: 11.00AM - 1.30PM

INSTRUCTION TO CANDIDATES

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

TIME: 2 Hours

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QUESTION ONE - COMPULSORY (30 MARKS)

- a) With clear examples in each case, differentiate between the following concepts as used in syntax. (16 marks)
- Binary/two-way dependency and mutual exclusion
 - Trace and big PRO
 - Finite clause and Non-finite clause
 - Sentential relative clause and Nominal relative clause
- b) Explain the syntactic representations below and give a sentence in each case. (6 marks)
- [S1 [S2] Coord [S3]]
 - [S1 [Subord S2], S3]
 - [S1 [Subord S2]]
- c) Using clear illustrations, examine situations when the Complementizer can be omitted from the surface structure of a *That*-clause in English. (8 marks)

QUESTION TWO (20 MARKS)

- a) Provide two sentences with each of the following structural specifications: (10 marks)
- A sentence with asymmetric coordination.
 - A sentence with a *that*-clause as the object of the sentence.
 - A compound-complex sentence.
 - A sentence with a stranded preposition.
 - A sentence beginning with an adverbial clause of time.
- b) With a reason in each case, state whether each of the following sentences is a simple or complex sentence. (10 marks)
- Babies do actually sleep for long hours.
 - I won't allow my boyfriend to act silly at the party.
 - Mary gave me all the attention I needed.
 - The car had been given to his wife.
 - Nakhumicha wants to pass her exams.

QUESTION THREE (20 MARKS)

- a) With clear examples, discuss the THREE syntactic functions of an adverbial clause in a modern English sentence. (15 marks)
- b) Identify subordinators in the following sentences (5 marks)

- i. The moment I saw you, my heart rested.
- ii. You can attend my wedding provided that you behave well.
- iii. Had you come early, I wouldn't have been lost my bag.
- iv. The reason why I came late was my car broke down on my way.
- v. The boy we saw in the field has been awarded.

QUESTION FOUR (20 MARKS)

With illustrations, compare *that-nominal clauses* and *WH-clauses* in terms of their syntactic functions in a modern English sentence.

QUESTION FIVE (20 MARKS)

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

- i. Running a big business is very difficult.
- ii. I know that the boy stole the money.
- iii. The book that you saw on the table is relevant.
- iv. Did Rose say whether the movie she saw yesterday was interesting?
- v. That you came late is quite surprising.