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FOURTH YEAR EXAMINATION FOR THE AWARD OF THE
DEGREE OF BACHELOR OF EDUCATION [ARTS]
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ENGL 421: ADVANCED SYNTAX

STREAM: Y4S1

TIME: 2 HOURS

DAY: TUESDAY, 3:00 – 5:00 PM

DATE: 06/09/2022

INSTRUCTIONS

- 1. Do not write anything on this question paper.***
- 2. Answer question ONE (Compulsory) and any other TWO questions.***

QUESTION ONE

- Define the following terms
 - Constituent
 - Category
 - Movement
 - Coordination
 - Head (10marks)
- With the help of examples, differentiate between a determinant phrase and an embedded clause. (6marks)
- Provide a clear distinction between deep structure and surface structure in transformational grammar. (4marks)
- Write short notes on each of the following as used in the theory of syntax and phrase structure grammar.
 - Government
 - Binding (10marks)

QUESTION TWO

- Using Lurid illustrations, give a clear description of the term labeled bracketing. (10marks)
- Analyze the following clause as a phrase structure tree, “that road leads to the market” (10marks)

QUESTION THREE

- a) Explain the meaning of the following rewrite rules
- i. $S \rightarrow NP \quad VP$
 - ii. $NP \rightarrow (Det) \quad N1$ (10marks)
- b) With the help of examples, distinguish between control verbs and raising verbs in generative grammar. (10marks)

QUESTION FOUR

- a) Describe the principles of binding (10marks)
- b) Explain the X-bar theory (10marks)

QUESTION FIVE

Highlight the major aspects of C-command and bounding. (20marks)