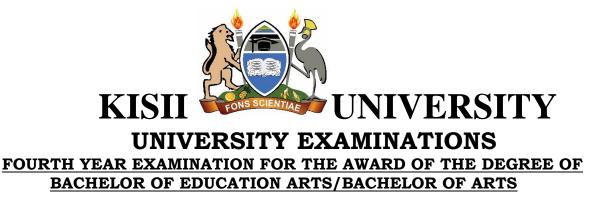
<u>ENGL 421</u>



<u>SECOND SEMESTER 2023/2024</u> [JAN – APRIL, 2024]

### ENGL 421: ADVANCED SYNTAX

STREAM: Y4 S2

TIME: 2 HOURS

DAY: TUESDAY, 3:00 - 5:00 P.M.

DATE: 16/04/2024

#### **INSTRUCTIONS**

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

# **QUESTION ONE**

- a) Use tree diagrams to illustrate the movements involved in the derivation of the sentences below.
  - i. This story was believed by the villagers
  - ii. Whom did you meet at the river?
  - iii. Did they feed the goats?
- b) Briefly explain the motivation for the X-bar Theory. (7 marks)

c) Use bracketing to illustrate the syntactic structure of the sentence below.

The man at the corner stole her heart.

### **QUESTION TWO**

Distinguish between major and minor category features of nouns, verbs, adjectives and pronouns.

(20 marks)

(15marks)

(8 marks)

# **QUESTION THREE**

Use the minimalism concept of merge to show how the structure below is built.

The students found the hidden treasures

(20 marks)

(20 marks)

## **QUESTION FOUR**

Use the x-bar notation to analyse the syntactic structures below.

- i. Mary's final solution to the problem
- ii. The army totally destroyed the city.
- iii. Smash the ming vase with a hammer
- iv. Quite interesting

# **QUESTION FIVE**

Explain how the Binding Theory accounts for the interpretation of anaphors, reciprocals, pronominals and referring expressions. (20 marks)