



UNIVERSITY EXAMINATIONS

**FIRST YEAR EXAMINATION FOR THE AWARD OF THE DEGREE OF
MASTER OF ARTS IN LINGUISTICS AND LITERATURE**

FIRST SEMESTER 2023/2024

[JANUARY – APRIL, 2024]

LING 833: ADVANCED SYNTAX

STREAM: Y1 S1

TIME: 2 HOURS

DAY: TUESDAY, 2:00 - 5:00 P.M.

DATE: 23/04/2024

INSTRUCTIONS

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

1. Derive the following sentences using a set-based system of narrow syntax:
 - a. Jane Smiles (20 Marks)
 - b. The boy kicked a ball.
 - c. Jane looked at herself.
 - d. Tom liked potatoes
2. Is merge as per the Miracle Creed the only operation required for generating constructions? Critically discuss using suitable examples. (20 Marks)
3. Which current developments in the Minimalist program do you consider to be significant advancements in syntactic theory? (20 Marks)
4. Is Labeling Theory of any use in narrow syntax? Discuss using appropriate illustrations. (20 Marks)

5. Derive the following sentences using the constraints given by Phase Theory and the Copy theory of Movement:

a. Who gave you the book?

b. Having eaten, he rose to go.

c. Did you buy that book? (20 Marks)

6. Are two or more workspaces required to derive complex clausal constructions? Discuss. (20 Marks)