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2018/2019 ACADEMIC YEAR

4TH YEAR 2ND SEMESTER

SCHOOL OF ARTS AND SOCIAL SCIENCES

B.ED ARTS/B.A. LINGUISTICS

COURSE CODE: LIN 415

COURSE TITLE: THEORIES OF SYNTAX

DATE: 16TH APRIL 2019

TIME: 0830 – 1030 HRS

INSTRUCTIONS:

Attempt question ONE and any other TWO questions.

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QUESTION ONE

(a) Using illustrations for each of the five phrases, demonstrate your understanding of X-bar Syntax. **(15 marks)**

(b) Using relevant examples, explain what you understand by Alpha move theory of movement. **(15 marks)**

QUESTION TWO

(a) Using suitable illustrations, discuss Chomsky's Extended Standard Theory. **(10 marks)**

(b) Assign theta roles to the following sentences:

- (i) He killed the snake.
- (ii) The man travelled to Lagos.
- (iii) She bought Mary a dress.
- (iv) The family lives in Nairobi
- (v) Jesus wept on the cross.
- (vi) She got the money from the bank.
- (vii) Mother bought him a shirt
- (viii) The fish is in the oven
- (ix) She eats cookies
- (x) The teacher marked the books.

(10 marks)

QUESTION THREE

(a) Examine Binding and Bounding Theories using appropriate examples. **(10 marks)**

(b) Using illustrations, discuss what you understand by Control Theory

(10 marks)

QUESTION FOUR

Examine the principles used within the Minimalism Programme .

(20 marks)

QUESTION FIVE

Using suitable illustrations, discuss the following syntactic structures and relations.

(a) Trace Movement theory

(b) WH Movement Structures

(20 marks)

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