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THIRD YEAR SECOND SEMESTER**

**SCHOOL OF ARTS & SOCIAL SCIENCES
B.A LANGUAGE AND COMMUNICATION
(CORPORATE COMMUNICATION) & B.ED (ENG/LIT)**

COURSE CODE : LAC 3213-1

**COURSE TITLE : THE STRUCTURE OF THE MODERN
ENGLISH SENTENCE**

DATE: 18/4/2023

TIME: 1430-1630 HRS

INSTRUCTIONS TO CANDIDATES

Question **ONE** is compulsory

Answer any other **TWO** questions

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QUESTION ONE

I). Provide a sentence for each of the following transformations, showing how the transformation works on the kernel sentence to realize the transformed sentence:

- a) There construction (2mks)
- b) Passivization (2mks)
- c) It-clause (2mks)
- d) Clefting (2mks)
- e) Thematic fronting. (2mks)

II). Using relevant illustrations, explain how the modern linguists differ from the traditional grammarians' definition of the sentence. (10mks)

QUESTION TWO

Analyze the following sentences using tree diagrams:

- a) Joan was employed by the company. (5mks)
- b) The students sang as they marched to the pavilion. (5mks)
- c) Rejects are dumped daily at the dumping site. (5mks)

QUESTION THREE

I). Construct a sentence using each of the following conjunctions:

- a) Not only, but also (2mks)
- b) So long as (2mks)
- c) In as much as (2mks)
- d) Whether (2mks)

II). Using three illustrations, explain the concept of ellipsis in sentences. (7mks)

QUESTION FOUR

The basic structure of the English sentence can be understood in terms of its form and function. Justify this claim with relevant examples. (15mks)

QUESTION FIVE

I). Construct sentences using the following instructions:

- a). A sentence with a compound subject (2mks)
- b). SVC (2mks)
- c). A sentence that has a correlative conjunction (2mks)
- d). A sentence that begins with a marker of subordination (2mks)
- e). A sentence with a dummy subject (2mks)

II). Briefly explain the concept of Phrase Structure Grammar (PSG) and illustrate it in a sentence through labelled bracketing. (5mks)

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