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2019/2020 FIRST SEMESTER EXAMINATION

COURSE TITLE: STUDIES IN ENGLISH SYNTAX

COURSE CODE: ENG 401

DATE: January, 2020

TIME ALLOWED: 3 HOURS

Instruction: Answer question 1 and any other 3 questions.

1. Do the syntactic argumentation of the following sentences:

- a. Tade jealous Titi.
- b. I saw that your brother yesterday.
- c. Dara to fail is unacceptable.
- d. Shade speaks fluently English.
- e. The man killed a goat.

25 Marks

2. Discuss, lucidly, the organisation of grammar in Government and Binding theory.

15 marks

3. With your knowledge of case theory, analyse the following English structures:

- a. James bought a book.
- b. For John to fail is unacceptable
- c. The king's servant killed the slave.
- d. We expect Shade to pass.
- e. The man killed a lion with gun.

15 marks

4. Write short notes on any three of the following:

- a. Spec-Head agreement
- b. Projection principle
- c. Head government
- d. Endocentricity principle
- e. True argument

15 marks

5. Using x-bar theory, analyse the following structures:

- a. The false account of the birth of the king
- b. The stubborn boy that we know
- c. The house which Hauwa built has collapsed
- d. Why did Soji arrive late?
- e. The woman who read the book is my friend.

15 marks

6. Discuss the concepts of functional or syntactic control, anaphoric or semantic control, obligatory control and arbitrary control.

15 marks