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2018/2019 FIRST SEMESTER EXAMINATION

COURSE TITLE: STUDIES IN SYNTAX

COURSE CODE: ENG 401

DATE: DECEMBER, 2018

TIME ALLOWED: 3 HOURS

Instruction: Answer 4 questions in all. Question 1 is compulsory.

- Explain the ungrammaticality of each of the following:*
1. Attempt the syntactic argumentation of the following sentences:
 - a. Mary envious Bayo.
 - b. I saw that your brother yesterday.
 - c. Bayo to fail is unacceptable.
 - d. She persuaded Tade he to dance.
 - e. What does Tunde think when Bayo kick.
 2. Discuss, lucidly, the organisation of grammar in Government and Binding theory.
 3. *Following* Using case theory ~~tradition~~, analyse the following sentences:
 - a. James bought a book.
 - b. Sade gave a car to Bayo.
 - c. For Tade to fail is imposible
 - d. We expect Shade to pass.
 4. Write short notes on any three of the following:
 - a. Spec-Head agreement
 - b. Projection principle
 - c. Exceptional case marking
 - d. Strict cycle condition
 - e. True argument
 5. Using x-bar theory, analyse the following structures:
 - a. Many incredible stories about the man
 - b. The stubborn boy that we know
 - c. The man who wrote that book is bright.
 - d. Where could Alice have gone?
 - e. Tunde asked if Bayo had eaten.
 6. Discuss the concepts of Head government, Lexical government and Antecedent government, using the following structures:
 - a. The man passed the ball.
 - b. A goat was killed by him.
 - c. Who killed the rat?

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