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COLLEGE OF LIBERAL STUDIES
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2020/2021 FIRST SEMESTER ONLINE EXAMINATION

COURSE TITLE: STUDIES IN ENGLISH SYNTAX

DATE: MARCH 2021

COURSE CODE: ENG 401

TIME ALLOWED: 3 HOURS

INSTRUCTION: Answer four questions in all. QUESTION 1 IS COMPULSORY.

1. With clear illustrations, differentiate between Standard Theory (ST), and Government and Binding theory (GB).
2. Using the x-bar module of grammar, analyse the following structures:
 - a. The man who wrote the book is smart.
 - b. Where could Shirley have gone?
 - c. I wonder whether he eats the food.
 - d. The ugly man kissed this girl in the dark room.
 - e. A false account of the birth of the king
3. Using Government theory, analyse the following structures, and state their types of government:
 - a. Ade killed a lion.
 - b. He drove through the gate.
 - c. What did you say?
 - d. The man who broke the glass is my friend.
 - e. The boy passed his exam.
4. Write short notes on the following:
 - a. Projection principle
 - b. Head government
 - c. Principle of endocentricity
 - d. Spec-Head agreement
 - e. Antecedent government
5. Attempt a syntactic argumentation of the following structures:
 - a. I saw that your brother in Lagos.
 - b. John to fail is unacceptable.
 - c. Titi's love money.
 - d. Funke envious Bayo.
 - e. He speaks fluently English.
6. With adequate illustrations, write short notes on the following:
 - a. True argument
 - b. Quasi argument
 - c. Non-argument
 - d. Case filter
 - e. Theta criterion

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