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COURSE TITLE: ENGLISH SYNTAX AND LEXIS
COURSE CODE: ENG 301
DATE: THURSDAY, 20 DECEMBER, 2018.
TIME ALLOWED: 3 Hours

INSTRUCTION: Answer four questions in all. QUESTIONS 5 & 6 ARE COMPULSORY.

1. Identify the NP's in the following sentences, name the function the NP's perform and generate the phrase-structure rule of each NP **(15 marks)**
 - a. The protagonist of the second film is my last guess
 - b. You can visit me today
 - c. Sade named her son the delight of nations
 - d. This is my book
 - e. The pen on the table is mine

2. In the following sentences, identify the Process type and label the participants: **(15 marks)**
 - a. Before long, I saw a garden of apples.
 - b. She plays sewed the blouse well.
 - c. At that instance, I thought of your good deeds.
 - d. My ball was seized by the rude boy.
 - e. Bolade spotted a man passionately waving his hands.

3. With adequate illustrations, explain the Verbal Process **(15 marks)**

4. Make an exhaustive discussion of the rule: INFL → AGR Tns (M) (ASP) **(15 marks)**

5. Represent the following sentences on tree diagrams. **(15 marks)**
 - a. He had had a great day at work
 - b. The students felt that the professor knows that they are travelling very soon.
 - c. We could have had a great chance but we misused it.
 - d. Biola would have been visiting us.
 - e. Mum loves and cherishes her new gold watch.

6. Analyse the following sentences, using Chomskyan Transformational Generative grammar: **(25 marks)**
 - a. Where should we wait for him?
 - b. The car was washed by the man.
 - c. The woman that stole the car is a mother.
 - d. Have they gone home?
 - e. Can you come?