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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.**

1. Explaining the grammaticality of each of the following:
  - 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. **25 marks**
  
2. Discuss, lucidly, the organisation of grammar in Government and Binding theory.
  
3. Following case theory, 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. **15 marks**
  
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 **15 marks**
  
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. **15 marks**
  
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? **15 marks**