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2019/2020 FIRST SEMESTER EXAMINATION

COURSE CODE: ENG 301

COURSE TITLE: ENGLISH SYNTAX AND LEXIS

Time allowed: 3 hours

Instruction: Answer question 1 and any other 3.

1. Using TGG tree diagram, analyse the following sentences:
 - a. What can I do for you?
 - b. Has he travelled to Lagos?
 - c. Dara could have been beaten.
 - d. The car which John bought runs very fast
 - e. Bayo is the boy whose brother visited us.

25 marks

2. With adequate examples, write short notes on the following:
 - a. Competence and performance;
 - b. Adequacy of the grammar; and
 - c. Acceptability and grammaticality.

15 marks

3. What are transformations?

15 marks

4. Using phrase structure rule, analyse the following English structures:
 - a. The old man slept in the room
 - b. The boy drank the milk quickly.
 - c. I want to go.
 - d. These tall girls beat a boy yesterday
 - e. The man will see his brother.

15 marks

5. Generate phrase structure rules for each of the following:
 - a. The big fat ugly proud man
 - b. Some extremely important matter
 - c. We have tried.
 - d. The man will see his brother.
 - e. Tope should have been washing

15 mark

6. With adequate examples, explain the rules below:

$$\left[\begin{array}{l} (\text{DET}) (\text{ADJ}) \text{N} (\text{PP}) \\ \text{Pro} \end{array} \right]$$

$$\left[\begin{array}{l} \text{V} (\text{NP}) (\text{ADVP}) \\ \text{PP} \end{array} \right]$$

15 marks