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ENGLISH PROGRAMME
2020/2021 FIRST SEMESTER EXAMINATION
COURSE TITLE: ENGLISH SUPRASEGMENTALS

COURSE CODE: ENG 404

DATE: MARCH, 2021

TIME ALLOWED: 2 HOURS

INSTRUCTION: ANSWER ALL QUESTIONS

1. Draw syllable trees for each of these words:

danger, unstable, anxious, discipline, narrow, beyond, bottle, bottling.

In each case, and for each syllable, mark the onset, rhyme, nucleus and coda, and indicate any cases of ambisyllabicity.

15 marks

2. Draw metrical S W trees for the following words:

Person, personal, personality, elephant, aroma, discipline, disentanglement.

In each case, make sure that the syllable which carries main stress is dominated by S all the way up the tree.

15 marks

3. Why do you think a phonologist need to study accent? 5 marks

4. Briefly explain the two main differences between accents 5 marks

5. List the three-way classification of accent differences 5 marks

6. With copious examples, explain the stress-timed theory 5 marks

7. Using relevant examples, explain the functions of intonation in English. 10 marks

8. Divide the utterances below into feet:

- a. Walk down the path to the end of the canal
- b. The family is a closely knitted one
- c. Gender-based violence has become a major factor leading to divorce
- d. Christ is the head of the church
- e. Many men and women are victims of fraudsters.

2 marks each =10 marks