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UNIVERSITY EXAMINATIONS 2023/2024

FOURTH YEAR, SECOND SEMESTER EXAMINATION FOR THE DEGREE OF
BACHELOR OF EDUCATION ARTS

EEL 3450: ENGLISH STRUCTURE AND SEMANTICS

DATE: APRIL 2024

TIME: 2 HOURS

INSTRUCTIONS: Answer Question ONE and any other TWO questions.

QUESTION ONE (30 MARKS)

- a) Explain the different meta-functions of language. (6 Marks)
- b) Provide an interrogative transformation for the following declarative sentence and then draw an X-bar phrase marker for it. (8 Marks)
'The political leaders should have preached peace.'
- c) Underline and indicate the theme and rhyme in the following sentences: (6Marks)
- Peter is a noisemaker.
 - Who took my keys?
 - Recite the poem.
- d) Identify the semantic roles of all the noun phrases in the sentence below:
- Maggy hit the boy in the house with a stone. (4 Marks)
 - Ann lost her job. (2 Marks)
- e) Using an example explain your understanding of semantic field. (4 Marks)



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QUESTION TWO (20 MARKS)

- a) Analyze the following clause as an exchange and as a message: (12 Marks)
‘The lecturers were demonstrating in the streets today morning for better pay.’
- b) Using two syntactic tree structures disambiguate the following sentence: (8 Marks)
‘Peter saw the boy with some binocular.’

QUESTION THREE (20 MARKS)

Demonstrate your understanding of the following transformational rules:

- i. Affix hopping transformation (10 Marks)
- ii. Passive transformation (10 Marks)

QUESTION FOUR (20 MARKS)

Demonstrate your understanding of ambiguity and vagueness with reference to the meaning being conveyed. (20 Marks)

QUESTION FIVE (20 MARKS)

Describe phrase structure grammar proving its strengths and weaknesses. (20 Marks)

