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English Unit

***End of Semester Examinations:
January-March 2013***

ENG421: New Trends in Syntax (3C)

TIME:
2HRS

INSTRUCTION: ANSWER ANY THREE QUESTIONS

1. Discuss at least four of the syntactic operations that obtain in the Minimalist Program.
2. Within the Minimalist Program, what do you understand by greed and procrastinate? Explain the two concepts with a minimum of two examples for each.
3. (a) Discuss why the Bare Phrase Structure (BPS) is regarded as a bottom up approach.
(b) Give four examples to demonstrate your points.
4. (a) Discuss three types of features that are involved in syntactic computation in the Minimalist Program.
(b) Give three examples of each feature type to demonstrate your explanation.
5. (a) Identify four CP derivations in the Minimalist Program.
(b) Discuss each of the identified CP derivations with an example for each one identified.