



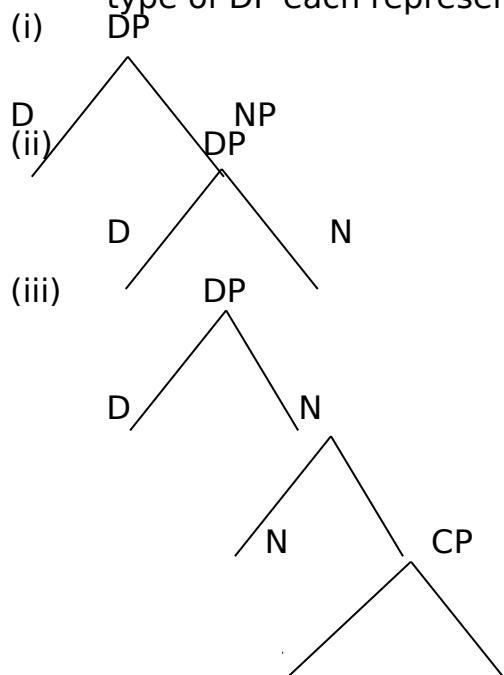
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**OCTOBER 2013 EXAMINATIONS**  
**School of Arts and Social Sciences**

**Course Code:** ENG421:  
**Course Title:** New Trends in Syntax  
**Credit Unit:** (3C)  
**Time:** 2hrs

**Instruction:** Answer Any Three Questions

1. Distinguish between the Government and Binding theory and the Minimalist Program. Use diagrammatic representations to answer the question. **[8 marks for each correct diagram] (20 marks)**
2. (a) State clearly and discuss what usually requires the last resort operation in syntactic analysis. **(5 marks)**  
(b) Outline, with two examples for each, three possible types of the last resort operation in the Minimalist Program. **(15 marks)**
3. (a) Give the phrasal categories that exist in the Minimalist Program. **(5 marks)**  
(b) Using tree diagram, identify the phrasal category of each of these syntactic structures:  
(i) The Registrar of University of Lagos **(3 marks)**  
(ii) Titi made Janet eat her food **(3 marks)**  
(iii) John did not go home **(3 marks)**  
(iv) Shehu will attend the party meeting. **(3 marks)**  
(v) Must I read the book? **(3 marks)**
4. (a) Discuss 3 types of Determiner Phrases that exist in the Minimalist Program. **(6 marks)**  
(b) Using these tree diagrams, fix lexical elements to determine the type of DP each represents.



5. (a) What do you understand by topicalisation in the Minimalist Program? **(5 marks)** **[Clear usage of a tree diagram to**

**illustrate your discussion will be an advantage to earn the full marks.]**

- (b)** State the differences among topicalisation, wh-movement and adjunct raising. **(10 marks)**
- (c)** Give five examples of sentences that express topicalisation in their structural make up. **(5 marks)**