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SCHOOL OF ARTS AND SOCIAL SCIENCES
MARCH/APRIL 2015 EXAMINATION

COURSE CODE: ENG421

COURSE TITLE: NEW TRENDS IN SYNTAX

TIME ALLOWED: 2 HOURS

INSTRUCTION: Answer Any 3 Questions (*Your correct use of language elements will earn you additional 3 marks for each question attempted.*)

1. Give three distinct examples of the following syntactic operations:
 - a) Operation select (3½ marks)
 - b) Operation agree (3½ marks)
 - c) Operation copy (3½ marks)
 - d) Operation move (3½ marks)
 - e) Operation merge (3½ marks)
 - f) Operation delete (3½ marks)
2. Discuss your understanding of the link between Spell-Out and competence. 21 marks
3. Explain what you understand by procrastinate in MP. 21 marks
4. Explain, with a diagram, how the TP operates in the MP. 21 marks
5. Discuss, with one example each, the four major CP derivations in the MP. 21 marks