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SEPTEMBER/OCTOBER 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. (a) Discuss the derivation by phases. (15 marks)
(b) Give five examples to explain the concept. (5 marks)
2. Critically examine the concept of shortest move as an economy principle. (20 marks)
3. (a) Identify five phrasal categories in the Minimalist Program. (5 marks)
(b) Give a brief description of the way each of them operate. (15 marks)
4. Compare and contrast the operations of the passivisation process in the ST and MP. (20 marks)
5. (a) What is focus construction? (5 marks)
(b) Give five examples of focus constructions from your language and translate them into English, indicating the focused element in your constructions. (15 marks)