SCHOOL OF EDUCATION

BACHELOR OF EDUCATION (ARTS)

ADVANCED SYNTAX EXAM

ENG 410

END OF SEMESTER (SEP-DEC) 2022 EXAM

TIME: 2HRS

INSTRUCTIONS: ANSWER SECTION A AND ANY OTHER TWO QUESTIONS FROM SECTION B

SECTION A (COMPULSORY)

1 (a) Define the following terms as used in advanced syntax;

(i) Universal grammar

(ii) Transformational generative grammar

(iii) Phrase structure rules

(iv) Transformational rules

(v) Syntactic categories

(b) Using examples discuss three phrasal categories of syntactic analysis (6mks)

(c) Analyse the following sentence using rewrite rules (4mks)

The man lives under the bridge

(d) (i) Using the X-bar theory analyse the following phrases and state the type (15mks)

(i) Wrote a letter to the dean

(ii) Very proud of Kamala

(iii) Amy baked pies

(iv) Jane wonders whether Joe to abandon the investigation

(v) Right across the bridge

SECTION B

2. (a) Evaluate the government theory of syntax (15mks)

3(a) Using appropriate sentential examples discuss two functions of transformations (6mks)

(b) Explain the following principles as used in syntax (9mks)

(i) Move alpha **(α)**

(ii)Projection principle

(iii)Binding principle

4. Movement is an essential syntactic transformational rule;

(i) Define trace as used in movement (2mks)

(ii) Briefly distinguish between NP movement and WH- movement (4mks)

(iii) Demonstrate by use of tree diagram the movement in the following sentences (9mks)

(a) The girl was murdered.

(b)The couple will reside where?