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AND ENGLISH LANGUAGE TEACHING

FINAL EXAMINATION

THE STRUCTURE OF THE ENGLISH LANGUAGE-
DURATION

- LEVEL 3

- October 2022

LEU3504/LSU1204/LSD1204

- THREE HOURS (03 hours)

DATE: 29. 10. 2022

TIME: 9:30 am. - 12:30 pm.

ANSWER ALL QUESTIONS IN PART A AND 02 OTHERS, SELECTING ONE FROM
PART B AND ONE FROM PART C.

Please do not use red ink in your answers.

Part A

- 1) Describe how the underlined sounds are produced in Standard British English (RP) and Sri Lankan English (LE), using the cardinal vowel diagram. Explain how LE and RP dialects differ, where applicable.

1. Bold
2. Near
3. Doubt
4. Rain
5. Stare

- 2) How would the following words be pronounced in Sri Lankan English and Standard British English? Illustrate the articulation using the phonetic alphabet.

Word	Sri Lankan English (LE)	Standard British English (RP)
1. Drugs		
2. Furious		
3. Lotus		
4. Anything		
5. Caters		
6. Wafer		
7. Throughout		
8. Flower		
9. Pleasure		
10. Another		

(40 marks)

PART B

- 3) (A) a) Break up the following sentences into subject and predicate.
 b) Underline and name the **simple subject** and the **simple predicate** in each sentence.
 c) Identify and name the adverbs / adverbials.
- i. *The arrogant actor purposely ignored his fans in the theatre.*
 - ii. *The teacher wrote on the whiteboard several times.*
 - iii. *Some of the ordered food was delivered late to the conference hall.*
- (B) Draw Tree Diagrams to illustrate the underlying structure of the following Noun Phrases. (Marks will be deducted for tree diagrams that do not follow the accepted conventions)
- i. *The most expensive diamond ring*
 - ii. *That big dark green wall*
 - iii. *A very thrilling cinematic experience*

- 4) (A) The use of the suffix – ‘en’ in English is illustrated in the following lists.
Examine the lists and answer the questions given below.

List A

- a) lessen
- b) moisten
- c) stiffen

List B

- d) risen
- e) widen
- f) drunken

- i) What part of speech does the suffix – ‘en’ attach to in
 - a) List A?
 - b) List B?
 - ii) Is – ‘en’ an inflectional suffix or a derivational suffix? Give reasons for your answer.
 - iii) Separate the words in the above list into their constituent morphemes and underline the base morpheme.
 - iv) Add 3 more words which are attached to the suffix –‘en’ to List A and to List B.
- (B) i) Identify 03 derivational morphemes and 03 inflectional morphemes in the content given below.
- ii) Give reasons for your selections.
- “The most wonderful thing about having pets is that they naturally bring so much joy to a family. I too have thoroughly enjoyed such happiness by having dogs at home.

(30 marks)

Part C

- 5) “Discuss briefly 05 design features found in human language that are not found in the animal communication system.
- (30 marks)**
- 6) “The vocabulary of the English Language is very large partly due to various methods it uses in word formation.” Elaborate on this statement by discussing at least 05 such methods with appropriate examples.

(30 marks)

