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FINAL EXAMINATION

THE STRUCTURE OF THE ENGLISH LANGUAGE - LEU3504/LSU1204/LSD1204

DURATION - THREE HOURS (03 hours)

DATE: 14.06.2025

TIME: 09.30 a.m - 12.30 p.m.

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. Sustain

2. Deer

3. Rare

4. About

5. Open

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

Word	Standard British English (RP)	Sri Lankan English (LE)
1. Vision		
2. Friday		
3. Departure		
4. Therapy		
5. Gather		
6. Bugs		
7. Raincoat		
8. Window		
9. Curious		
10. Generation		

(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.
- The courier delivered the surprise birthday cake too early to the hotel.*
 - Every two days, Mala sweeps the playground next to her house.*
 - The little kitten happily wagged his tail on the railing.*

- 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. *Some pretty light blue flowers*
- ii. *A very scary long drive*
- iii. *This amazingly beautiful Indian Ocean*

(30 marks)

- 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) brighten
- b) widen
- c) redden

List B

- d) eaten
- e) written
- f) beaten

- 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 nurse unquestionably brightened the patient’s day with her comforting words and gentle touch. The patient, feeling listened to and understood, offered a warm smile in return.”

(30 marks)

Part C

- 5) Discuss 02 features that are common to both human and animal communication systems, and 03 which are unique to the human language system.
- (30 marks)
- 6) Discuss 05 types of word formation processes in human language. Provide 3 examples for each category.
- (30 marks)