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AND ENGLISH LANGUAGE TEACHING

FINAL EXAMINATION

THE STRUCTURE OF THE ENGLISH LANGUAGE

DURATION

- LEVEL 3
- August 2017
- LSU1204/LSD1204
- THREE HOURS (03 hours)



DATE: 26. 08. 2017

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) Use the sentences (i-v) given below to answer Part (a) and (b).
- i. *Last year the rusty wheel of the old cart broke in the middle of the broad river close to the rocks.*
 - ii. *Branches of large trees frequently fall during heavy winds.*
 - iii. *The present time is usually expressed by the present tense.*
 - iv. *The men, women and children who were affected by the floods were given aid quickly by the relief agencies.*
 - v. *Something fell from the roof with a thud..*
- a) Break up the above sentences into subjects and predicates. Underline the **simple subject** and the **simple predicate** of each sentence.

Subject	Predicate
i.
.....
.....

ii.
iii.
iv.
v.

- b) Fill in the table given below with adverbial phrases of place, time, manner and frequency selected from the sentences given on Page 1.

Type :	Adverbial phrases
Place	
Time	
Manner	
Frequency	

- 2) Identify the Noun Phrases in the following sentence by drawing a

circle

'The rusty wheel of the old cart broke in the middle of the broad river close to the rocks'.

- 2) Draw Tree Diagrams to illustrate the underlying structure of the following Noun Phrases.

- i. *A pleasant sunny moderately hot humid tropical day*
 ii. *A very old ugly dark brown floral Persian carpet*

(40 marks)

Part B

- 3) How do the LE and RP dialects in English differ in articulating the underlined sounds in the given words? Explain using the cardinal vowel diagram.

i. Load
 iii. faith

ii. care

(30 marks)

- 4) Study the words given below and answer the questions that follow.

- i) antibiotics
 ii) antialcoholism
 iii) anticorruption
 iv) antisocialists

- i) What is the meaning of the prefix 'anti'?
 ii) What is the word class/es of the word formed by the prefix 'anti'?
 iii) Break up the above words into their constituent morphemes. Underline the base morphemes.
 iv) Are these base morphemes free morphemes or bound morphemes? Give reasons for your answers.

- v) Discuss the meaning or function of all the morphemes (other than the base morphemes) in the context they occur. (You may use examples from other words where necessary)
- vi) Indicate whether the morphemes discussed in (v) are derivational or inflectional. Give reasons for your classification.

(30 marks)

Part C

- 5) Discuss the differences between human language and animal communication.

(30 marks)

- 6) Comment on the formation of the following:

Skyscraper, camcorder, chorus.

(30 marks)