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2025_2 EXAMINATIONS

COURSE CODE: ENG821

COURSE TITLE: ADVANCED ENGLISH SYNTAX AND THE MORPHOLOGY OF PRESENT DAY ENGLISH

CREDIT UNIT: 3

TIME ALLOWED: 3 HOURS

INSTRUCTION: Answer Any **3** Questions (*Your correct use of language elements will earn you additional **3 marks** for each question attempted.*)

1. (a) The Complementizer is the head of a CP. Tense is the head of a TP. Using **two** sentential examples, demonstrate these two elements in their analyses. 10 marks
(b) What differentiates form from meaning. Demonstrate your answer with at least **two** examples. 10 marks
2. Critically examine what is the main pivot that determines the form of a structure as sentence, utterance or proposition. 20 marks
3. “Morphosyntax ... is a merger of both morphological and syntactical rules, which generate the grammatical structures of a language.” Critique this statement, drawing largely on the current views in the field for your argument. 20 marks
4. Give clear explanation of how Operation Merge and Operation Move help to build up structures to culminate in meaningfulness in the natural Language. 20 marks
5. Give and explain four distinct processes involved in the computational process used in linguistic structures derivation, ensuring that these are followed sequentially in your given example(s) to illustrate your explanation. 20 marks