MAASAI MARA UNIVERSITY

REGULAR UNIVERSITY EXAMINATIONS
2022/2023 ACADEMIC YEAR
FOURTH YEAR SECOND SEMESTER

SCHOOL OF ARTS, HUMANITIES SOCIAL SCIENCES & CREATIVE NDUSTRIES
BACHELOR OF ARTS IN LANGUAGE AND COMMUNICATION (CORPORATE COMMUNICATION)

COURSE CODE: LAC 4211
COURSE TITLE: THEORIES OF SYNTAX

DATE: 27/4/2023   TIME: 1100-1300 HRS

INSTRUCTIONS TO CANDIDATES

- Question One is Compulsory
- Answer Any Other **.................**

QUESTION ONE

Read the following sentences and answer the questions that follow:

    i.   She drove to Nairobi

    ii.   He reported to his office and then left for Nairobi

a) Analyze the two sentences using transformational and functional grammar approaches. **[10 Marks]**

b) Generate deep structures for the sentences with the aid of tree diagrams and explain the transformation that yielded the sentences with the aid of tree diagrams using Transformational Generative Grammar.

[6 Marks]

c) Explain how Functional Grammar differs from Transformational Grammar.

[8 Marks]

d) Discuss THREE major concerns of syntax in English.

[6 Marks]

QUESTION TWO

Discuss any FOUR transformations from Chomsky's Standard Theory using suitable illustrations from English language. **[20 Marks]**

QUESTION THREE

Using English constructions, discuss four modules of Government and Binding (GB) theory. **[20 Marks]**

QUESTION FOUR

Using appropriate syntax illustrations, discuss the Minimalist Programme.
. **[20 Marks]**

QUESTION FIVE

Discuss the following functional grammar approaches:

   a) The Prague Linguistic Circle

   b) Martinet's Functional Syntax

   c) S Dik's Functional Grammar

   d) Systemic Functional Grammar

[20 Marks]

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