NATIONAL OPEN UNIVERSITY OF NIGERIA
FACULTY OF ARTS
DEPARTMENT OF LANGUAGES
2019_1 EXAMINATIONS

COURSE CODE: ENG421
COURSE TITLE: NEW TRENDS IN SYNTAX
CREDIT UNITS: 3
TIME ALLOWED: 3 HOURS

INSTRUCTION: Answer Any **3** Questions **Each question carries 23 marks** *(Correct use of language elements will earn an additional 1 mark)*

1. Discuss Operation Select (5), Operation Agree (5), Operation Copy (4½) and Operation Move (4½) as some of the syntactic operations in the Minimalist Program. Give an example of each operation in use (1 mark for each example)

   (23 marks/1 hour)

2. Within the Minimalist Program, what do you understand by greed and procrastinate? (13 marks)
   (b) Discuss the two concepts, with a minimum of two examples for each. (10 marks)
   (23 marks/1 hour)

3. (a) In your view, would you consider the Bare Phrase Structure (BPS) a bottom up approach? If yes, give a critical argument to show your position. (13 marks)
   (b) Give four examples to demonstrate your points. (10 marks)
   (23 marks/1 hour)

4. (a) Identify four CP derivations in the Minimalist Program. (10 marks)

   (b) Discuss each of the identified CP derivations with an example for each one identified. (13 marks)

   (23 marks/1 hour)