



NATIONAL OPEN UNIVERSITY OF NIGERIA,
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FACULTY OF ARTS
DEPARTMENT OF ENGLISH
2022_2 EXAMINATION

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. Outline and critically examine the essential function of semantic roles in structures derivational process. (20 marks)
2. Discuss, with structural examples, the growth and development of the concept of Logical Form in the TGG model. (20 marks)
3. (a) Would you consider the English language as belonging to the null subject language? (4 marks)
(b) Explain the nature of such syntactic occurrences. (8 marks)
(c) Depending on your position, give two examples to illustrate where such a situation can occur in English. (4 marks)
(d) Give two examples in your language which may illustrate null subject occurrence [ensure that you write the scientific version of the data for easy accessibility]. (4 marks)
4. “Binding has to do with logically possible co-inference relations that may exist between two DPs...” Use structural examples to explain the concept of binding relations in sentences in a clear manner. (20 marks)
5. Using five examples to illustrate your point, show how anaphoric referencing can lead to structures crashing in the process of derivation. (20 marks)