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**2023\_2 POP EXAMINATIONS.**

**COURSE CODE: ENG 421**

**COURSE TITLE: New Trends in Syntax**

**COURSE UNIT: 3 Credit Units**

**Time allowed: Three (3) Hours**

**Instruction: Answer any four questions.**

1. Describe spell out as a concept in Syntax. **17.5marks**
2. With the aid of examples, explain the concept of reduced clause in Syntax. **17.5marks**
3. Discuss the different types of Features in relation to Feature Checking Theory in Syntax.  
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4. Account for the three major principles that indicate the distribution of the pronoun. **17.5marks**
5. With the help of illustrations, describe clefts as a focusing strategy in English. **17.5marks**