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FACULTY OF ARTS
DEPARTMENT OF ENGLISH
2024_2 EXAMINATION

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. Write short notes on the following common operations in Syntax:

- i. Operation select
- ii. Operation agree
- iii. Operation copy
- iv. Operation move
- v. Operation merge **17.5marks**

2. Discuss the following with examples

- i. To insertion as a last-resort
- ii. Do – insertion as a last polar question
- iii. Do – insertion as a last in sentence negative. **17.5marks**

3. Explain the concept of feature driven theory. **17.5marks**

4. With the aid of illustrations, describe determiner phrase as a concept in Syntax. **17.5marks**

5. How is topicalisation different from WH – movement in Syntax? **17.5marks**