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SECOND YEAR FIRST SEMESTER REGULAR EXAMINATION

**FOR THE DEGREE OF BACHELOR OF
EDUCATION (ARTS)**

COURSE CODE: ENG 211

COURSE TITLE: ENGLISH MORPHOLOGY

DATE: 10TH DECEMBER, 2018

TIME: 9.00 AM – 12.00 PM

INSTRUCTION TO CANDIDATES

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ENG 211: ENGLISH MORPHOLOGY

STREAM: BED (Arts)

DURATION: 3 Hours

INSTRUCTIONS TO CANDIDATES

- i. Answer Question **ONE** and any other **TWO** questions.
- ii. Do not write on the question paper.

Question One

- a) The definition of the word has for a long time been a problem for linguistic theory. In light of *four* criteria for defining the term 'word', discuss this assertion. (8 Marks)
- b) Giving relevant examples, explain each of the following terms used in morphology:
 - i. Free morpheme (3 Marks)
 - ii. Bound morpheme (3 Marks)
 - iii. Allomorphs (3 Marks)
 - iv. Suppletion (3 Marks)
- c) Study the following words carefully:
 - A boy
 - Apple
 - Atypical
 - AWOL.
 - i) In which of them should 'a' be treated as a bound morpheme? (2 Marks)
 - ii) Account for the other appearances of 'a' in the other words in the list above. (3 Marks)
- d) Determine the morphological processes that gave rise to each of the following words:
 - i. Skin (as a verb)
 - ii. Deca
 - iii. Brexit
 - iv. Teeny- weeny
 - v. Cohere (5 Marks)

Question Two

- a) Using 3 examples in each case, describe any **THREE** word formation processes in the English language. (15 Marks)
- b) Using any two illustrations in each case, differentiate between a lexeme and a word form. (5 Marks)

Question Three

- a) Using adequate examples, comment on the notion that in English, inflectional affixes are predictable in their distribution while derivational affixes are rarely predictable. (14 Marks)
- b) Giving examples, differentiate between lexical morphemes and functional morphemes. (6 Marks)

Question Four

- a) Identify the morphemes in each of the following words:
- i. Impolitely
 - ii. Deconstructionism
 - iii. Uneconomically
 - iv. Hypersensitivity
 - v. Underdevelopment (15 Marks)
- b) Carefully study the prefixes in the words in (a) above. Provide one word in each case that uses each of the prefixes you have identified. (5 Marks)



Question Five

- a) Explain each of the following terms used in morphology and give two examples of each.
 - i. Stem
 - ii. Base
 - iii. Root (6 Marks)
- b) Briefly describe the notion 'derivation' with reference to morphology. (10 Marks)
- c) Using illustrations, briefly state the difference between agglutinating and isolating languages. (4 Marks)
