

Bago University
Department of English
First Semester Examination, March 2019

Fourth Year
English specialization

Eng - 4103
English Language Studies - 5
Time Allowed: (3) hours

Answer FOUR QUESTIONS from each section.

Section A: Syntactic Theory

- I. Describe the two basic principles, Linear Order and constituency.
- II. Generate five sentences by using the following phrase structure rules.
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| S → NPVP | DET = the, some |
| NP → DETN | N = elephants, raccoons, tigers, bears, |
| VP → V _t NP | grain, peanuts, mice |
| VP → V _i | V _t = eat, scare |
| VP → VP + CONJVP | V _i = gallop, swim |
| | V _t = eat, scare |
| | CONJ = and |
- III. What are some structure rules for English?
- IV. Closed classes are sometimes known as function words. Discuss.
- V. Discuss the ambiguity of the following sentences, which are lexically ambiguous? Which are structurally ambiguous? Give explanation.
- (a) My friend from Australia will give me a ring tonight.
 - (b) Because of the cold, I had to put on a warm coat.
 - (c) Do you have the key?
 - (d) We used to meet near the bank every afternoon.
 - (e) We need more intelligent leaders in our country.

Section B: Semantics

- VI. Discuss "Problems with the definition of subject and object".
- VII. How can you prove the principle of compositionality, the meaning of the sentence is determined by the meaning of its words by the syntactic structure which they are combined?
- VIII. Explain two kinds of raising sentence with examples.
- IX. Elaborate on Wh-question transformation.
- X. Describe meaning, Truth conditions, and Truth value.
