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EXAMINATION

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

COURSE CODE: ENG211E

COURSE TITLE: ENGLISH MORPHOLOGY

DATE: 14TH DECEMBER, 2023.

TIME: 09.00- 12.00

INSTRUCTION TO CANDIDATES

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REGULAR – MAIN EXAM 2023**ENG211: 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 (4 Marks)
 - ii. Bound morpheme (4 Marks)
 - iii. Allomorphs (4 Marks)
- c) Explain each of the following terms used in morphology and give two examples of each.
 - i. Stem
 - ii. Base
 - iii. Root (6 Marks)
- d) Determine the morphological processes that gave rise to each of the following words:
 - i. Running (as a Noun)
 - ii. Tik-tok
 - iii. Uber
 - iv. COVID-19 (4 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. Impossibly
 - ii. Decolonization
 - iii. Unexpectedly
 - iv. Hypersensitivity
 - v. Understatement (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) Briefly describe the notion 'derivation' with reference to morphology. (10 Marks)
- b) Using illustrations, state the difference between agglutinating and isolating languages. (10 Marks)
