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UNIVERSITY EXAMINATIONS 2023/2024

SECOND YEAR, SECOND SEMESTER EXAMINATION FOR THE DEGREE OF
BACHELOR OF EDUCATION ARTS

EEL 3251: A STUDY OF ENGLISH MORPHOLOGY

DATE: APRIL 2024

TIME: 2 HOURS

INSTRUCTIONS: Answer Question ONE and any other TWO questions.

QUESTION ONE (30 MARKS)

a) The data on this table is from Chamorro; a language spoken in Guam. Examine it carefully and answer the questions that follow

	Root Chamorro	English	Derived Chamorro	English
Set 1				
	Adda	mimic	aadda	mimicker
	Kanno	eat	kakanno	eater
	Tuge	write	----	writer
Set 2				
	Sangan	tell	-----	tellable
	Chalek	laugh	chalekon	laughable



	Atan	Look at	atanon	Nice to look at
Set 3				
	Dankolo	big	dankololo	very big
	Bunita	pretty	bunitata	very pretty
	Dafe	weak	-----	Very wvak

i. Identify words that can fit into the blank spaces (3 Marks)

ii. describe how the derived word is created from the root in set 1, set 2 and in set 3. (3 Marks)

iii. For each set, which word formation process is at work? (3 Marks)

b) Draw tree diagrams for the following English words:

i. Undrinkable

ii. Reformulated

iii. Unhappiness

iv. Revision (4 Marks)

c) Examine the following sentence and identify the derived and inflected words that exist in it
“The better students ensured that the teacher comprehended the written material” (4 Marks)

d) Differentiate between morpheme and word (3 Marks)

e) Give an example of each concept: lexeme, word-form, morph and allomorph (4 Marks)

f) Using two examples from the language of your research, explain the term reduplication (4 Marks)

g) Classify the following words into lexical and functional morphemes: loud, greed, as, June, expert, he, like and from (2 Marks)

QUESTION TWO (20 MARKS)

a) Explain phonological conditioning using examples of words with regular plural and past tense of English language (8 Marks)

b) Explain how you can use evidence of inflectional morphemes to identify nouns, verbs and adjectives (12 Marks)



QUESTION THREE (20 MARKS)

- a) Define personal pronouns and explain their four main features (10 Marks)
- b) Illustrate five characteristics of bound morphemes (5 Marks)
- c) Differentiate between adverbs and adjective (5 Marks)

QUESTION FOUR (20 MARKS)

Consider the following data: Impossible, impolite, immobile, indirect, inseparable, unmistakably, unsurmountable, inequality, inactivity and disorganization

1. Identify the free morphemes in each (5 Marks)
2. Identify all the bound morphemes in each (5 Marks)
3. Draw tree diagrams for the words: disorganization, indirect, inequality, impossible and unmistakably (10 Marks)

QUESTION FIVE (20 MARKS)

- a) Using data from the language you carried out your morphology research, explain five word-formation processes. The examples must be in your chosen language of research. (10 Marks)
- b) Using irregular verbs and nouns, describe morphological conditioning of English. (10 Marks)

