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HET515 - Linguistic Studies

Duration : 2 hours

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There are FIVE (5) questions altogether, answer any **THREE (3)** questions. All questions carry equal marks.

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1. *Arbitrariness* and *productivity* are the most important distinctive features that contribute to the creativity of language. Discuss why you agree or disagree with this statement.

[100 marks]

2. Explain the term 'phonotactic' and the possible phonotactic constraints found in the consonantal onset and termination (coda) of English syllable. Support your answer with examples and a metrical diagram representing the maximum possible number of consonantal segments that make up the onset and coda of English syllables.

[100 marks]

3. *Generativity* and *hierarchical structure* are considered TWO salient properties of the syntax of human languages. Why? Discuss.

[100 marks]

4. How do referential theories of meaning and denotative theories of meaning differ? Discuss and support your answer with relevant examples.

[100 marks]

5. Describe how ONE word can be transformed into various grammatical categories through the process of affixation. Then illustrate in a sequence how the structures of the derived words can be represented using tree diagrams.

[100 marks]