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THIS EXAMINATION PAPER CONTAINS EIGHT [8] QUESTIONS IN TWO [2] PAGES.

Answer **ALL** the questions.

Section A

1. Draw PS trees for the following sentences:

- [a] The manager believes that his staff left with the money.
- [b] Is the man hurriedly eating?
- [c] Ann said Lila thought David dumped Jane.

[15 marks]

2. Write short notes on each of the following:

- [a] Critical age hypothesis
- [b] The imitation theory
- [c] Broca's aphasia

[15 marks]

3. In what ways are "creativity" and "arbitrariness" unique to human language?

[10 marks]

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4. Using appropriate examples, explain what is meant by “deep structure” and “surface structure”.

[10 marks]

Section B

5. Separate the affixes from the stems in the following words and divide them into inflectional and derivational subclasses.

Neglectful, soils, deliberation, sacrifices, succeeded

Then draw tree diagrams of the structure of each word.

[10 marks]

6. Explain how the following consonantal articulations are produced. For each one give all the English consonants that fall in the category.

- [a] Bilabial
- [b] Velars
- [c] Palatals
- [d] Affricates
- [e] Approximants

[15 marks]

7. Write brief notes on the following semantic concepts. Provide examples to support and clarify your answer.

- [a] Referential meaning
- [b] Social meaning
- [c] Affective meaning
- [d] Word meaning
- [e] Sentence meaning

[15 marks]

8. Briefly discuss the four maxims of Grice’s Cooperative Principle.

[10 marks]