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THIS EXAMINATION PAPER CONTAINS FIVE [5] QUESTIONS IN TWO [2] PAGES.

Answer **ALL** the questions.

1. Discuss the distinction between the following sets of concepts:
 - [a] Diachronic and synchronic description of language.
 - [b] Microlinguistics and macrolinguistics.

[20 marks]
2. Give a critical account of componential analysis (lexical decomposition)

[20 marks]
3. Analyse the following words into morphemes and explain their structure in terms of derivation, inflection, compounding, affixation and conversion. Include a brief explanation of the meaning or function of each bound morpheme.

Inoperability disloyalty counterintuitively rowing boats
unhappier.

[20 marks]
4. Everyday speech contains a great deal of phonetic variation and much of it is systematic. "It occurs most often among phonetically similar segments and is conditioned by the phonetic context (environment) in which the segments are found" (O'Grady et.al: 1996). Discuss.

[20 marks]

5. There is an infinite number of possible sentences in English or in any human language. However, it is possible to write a finite set of rule that generates the sentences. This is because of two special properties of Phrase Structure Rules. Discuss.

[20 marks]

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