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Please check that this examination paper consists of **THREE** pages of printed material before you begin the examination.

Instructions:

Answer any **TWO** questions from Section A and answer **ALL** questions from Section B.

Section A

Answer any **TWO** questions.

1. Creating a well-formed sentence is not simply a matter of combining and interchanging words. Discuss.

[25 marks]

2. [a] Explain two syntactic evidence which can verify the existence of X-bar categories.

[b] Draw trees for the following sentences in accordance with X-bar theory.

[i] The books about politics will probably shock the public.

[ii] The blonde teacher punished the children severely.

[25 marks]

3. Explain the levels of syntactic structure in transformational analysis and illustrate how sentences are transformed.

[25 marks]

Section B

Answer **ALL** the questions.

4. What is the distinction between 'intension' and 'extension'? Describe the intension and extension of each of these phrases.

[a] the prime minister of Malaysia.

[b] the capital of Malaysia.

[c] my mother.

[d] Mecca.

[e] the dean of School of Humanities.

[15 marks]

5. Briefly explain, with appropriate examples the following thematic roles used to describe verbs in semantics.

[a] Agent.

[b] Theme.

[c] Location.

[d] Instrument.

[e] Experiencer.

[f] Causative.

[15 marks]

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6. "Language can be used to perform actions". Discuss this statement.

[20 marks]

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