Answer Question 1 and EITHER Question 2 OR Question 3.

QUESTION 1

Consider the following sentence:

a) Miriam knitted the sweater in the bathroom.

i) Sentence (a) is syntactically ambiguous. State at least two (2) meanings for this sentence. [10 marks]

ii) Draw one (1) complete phrase structure tree for each of the meanings in (i). [15 marks]

[Total: 25 marks]

QUESTION 2

i) Choose one of the phrase-structure trees in Question 1(ii). For this tree, identify one example of indirect domination. Justify your answer. [7 marks]

ii) For each of the trees in Question 1(ii), passivize the direct object and give the result. [10 marks]

iii) For each of the results in (ii), explain how passivization removes the ambiguity. [8 marks]

[Total: 25 marks]
QUESTION 3

i) Choose one of the phrase-structure trees in Question 1(ii). For this tree, identify two (2) nodes that are sisters. Justify your answer. [7 marks]

ii) For each of the trees in Question 1(ii), cleft the direct object and give the result. [10 marks]

iii) For each of the results in (ii), explain how clefting removes the ambiguity. [8 marks]

[Total: 25 marks]

Section B

SEMANTICS AND PRAGMATICS

Answer any TWO Questions from this section.

QUESTION 4

i) Define truth conditions. [5 marks]

ii) Does passivizing a sentence change its truth conditions? Why or why not? Use examples in your answer from a language of your choice. [10 marks]

iii) Does clefting a constituent of a sentence change its truth conditions? Why or why not? Use examples in your answer from a language of your choice. [10 marks]

[Total: 25 marks]
QUESTION 5

Give five (5) examples of speech acts. For each type of speech act, give an example of an utterance that may be used to perform that act from a language of your choice. [25 marks]

[Total: 25 marks]

QUESTION 6

i) Define the Cooperative Principle. [2 marks]

ii) Give four (4) examples of maxims of conversation. [8 marks]

iii) For three (3) of the maxims in (ii), describe a situation that illustrates it. [15 marks]

[Total: 25 marks]

END OF QUESTION PAPER