SECTION A

Choose two (2) questions from this section.

Question 1

i) What are the two (2) basic claims of X-bar theory?

(ii) How are the two (2) claims that you gave in (i) expressed by the X-bar schema?

(iii) Give five (5) categories that may be the heads of X-bar theoretic phrases.

(iv) For three (3) of the five (5) categories you gave in (iii), state what may appear in the specifier and complement positions of their X-bar theoretic phrases in any language.

[25 marks]

Question 2

Define each one of the following terms. For each one of the terms, give one (1) example from any language except Modern English.

a) specifier  
b) head  
c) embedded clause  
d) yes-no question  
e) I

[25 marks]

Question 3

(i) Give one (1) example of a sentence with a transitive verb from any language except Modern English.

(ii) Give one (1) example of a sentence with an intransitive verb from any language except Modern English.

(iii) Define the concept of predicate-argument structure.

(iv) Give one (1) example of a predicate-argument structure from each sentence that you gave in (i) and (ii) define all of their thematic roles

[25 marks]
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Question 4

(i) Give two (2) examples of an NP and two (2) examples of a VP which share common predicates that illustrate the structural parallels between NP and VP from any language except Modern English.

(ii) Use X-bar theoretic phrase-structure trees of the NP and the VP that you gave in (i) to show the parallelisms that you gave in (i).

(iii) Identify the predicate-argument structure of the predicates of each one of the examples you gave in (i). Show how these predicate-argument structures are associated with the phrase-structures of each of the trees that you gave in (ii).

[25 marks]

Question 5

Consider the following sentence (a)

(a) What did the bureaucrat in the office say that the official saw?

(i) Draw a complete X-bar theoretic phrase-structure tree for this sentence. Identify and indicate each instance of movement.

[25 marks]

Question 6

Define each one of the following terms. Give one (1) example of each term from a language or languages of your choice, except Modern English.

1) verb-second
2) subject-verb inversion
3) discontinuous dependency
4) Free Inversion
5) Yes-no Questions

[25 marks]

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