

MASTERS IN APPLIED LINGUISTICS

UNIT CODE AEN 501: THEORETICAL LINGUISTICS

DATE: MAIN EXAM TIME: 3 HOURS

Instructions: Answer Question ONE and any TWO questions

1. Demonstrate how the following theories account for analysis of language (20 Marks).
 - I. Transformational Generative Grammar
 - II. Structuralism theory
 - III. Prototype theory
 - IV. Community of Practice
2. Provide any outline of a functional theory, clearly showing how it may be applied to the analysis of a clause. (20 Marks)
3. In what ways does the speech accommodation theory account for language use in contact situations? (20 Marks)
4. Discuss the tenets of the cognitive metaphor theory and show how its relevance in semantics. (20 Marks)
5. Outline the optimality theory and state its role in the study of phonology (20mks)