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EXAMINATION FOR INTERNAL STUDENTS

For The Following Qualification:-

B.A.

Modern English Language

COURSE CODE : ENGLEN27

DATE

: 15-MAY-03

TIME

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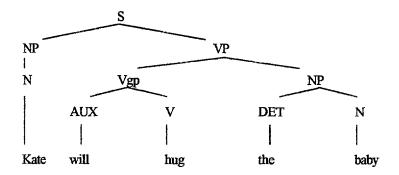
TIME ALLOWED

: 3 Hours

Answer three questions.

Candidates must not present substantially the same material in any two answers, whether on this paper or in other parts of the examination.

- 1. Why do we need word classes?
- 2. Write an essay on the ways in which contextual factors can play a role in the interpretation of modal verbs in English.
- 3. Discuss the notion 'specifier' in English phrase structure.
- 4. Linda Thomas adopts the following tree structure for the sentence *Kate will hug the baby*:



What do you make of this analysis?

- 5. Discuss the syntax of any two sentence types in detail, using illustrative examples.
- 6. Either: (a) Discuss the semantic and syntactic properties of any two types of adverbial clause in English.
 - Or: (b) Give an illustrated outline of the range of subordinate clause types in English.
- 7. How can we distinguish between coordination and subordination?
- 8. Either: (a) Discuss the syntax and meaning of the aspectual auxiliaries in English.
 - Or: (b) The term 'aspect' applies to a system where the basic meanings have to do with the internal temporal constituency of the situation.

(Huddleston and Pullum)

Use this quotation as a starting point for an essay on aspect and aspectuality in English.

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- 9. Discuss the meanings of the modal auxiliaries in terms of their 'root' and 'epistemic' meanings.
- 10. Write an essay on the role of the operator in English sentence structure.
- 11. Illustrate some of the devices that are available in English for achieving intersentence cohesion in texts.
- 12. Compare the concepts of inflection and derivation as they relate to English word-formation.
- 13. Discuss linguistic information systems in the context of the notion of 'literary creativity'.

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