



SOUTH EASTERN UNIVERSITY OF SRI LANKA

THIRD YEAR EXAMINATIONS IN BACHELOR OF ARTS (EXTERNAL)
2009 / 2010 HELD IN DECEMBER – 2010

ENG 3.11 – LINGUISTICS AND SYNTAX

Answer any **five** questions only. Marks will be deducted for bad grammar.

Time: 03 Hours

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1. Explain five of the following features of human language:
 - i. Arbitrariness
 - ii. Ambiguity
 - iii. A system of vocal symbols
 - iv. Displacement
 - v. Duality
 - vi. Creativity

 2. Transcribe the following stanza in phonetic notation:

All the world's a stage,
And all the men and women merely players;
They have their exits and their entrances;
And one man in his time plays many parts.

 3. Write short notes on any three of the following.
 - a. Word accent
 - b. Intonation
 - c. Consonant clusters
 - d. Phonemes and morphemes

 4.
 - i. What are the classes of noun in English?
 - ii. Discuss the ways of forming plurals in English.

 5. Write short notes on four of the following:
 - i. Adverbs and Adverbials
 - ii. Prepositions and Prepositional Phrases
 - iii. Open and Closed word classes
 - iv. Primary and Modal Auxiliaries
 - v. Intransitive and Intensive verbs

 6. Discuss the four level description of language developed by Structuralists.

 7. Explain the question-types in English and illustrate them with examples.