



**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.

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