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ENGL 212: MORPHOLOGY AND SYNTAX

STREAM: BED(ARTS)

TIME: 2 HRS

DAY: THURSDAY (8.30-10.30AM)

DATE: 29/01/2026

THIS QUESTION PAPER CONSISTS OF THREE (3 PAGES)

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INSTRUCTIONS**ANSWER QUESTION ONE AND ANY OTHER TWO QUESTIONS****QUESTION ONE**

1(a) Describe and illustrate the four principles of Ferdinand de Saussure in the study of language

(8 marks)

(b) Study the data below from Dutch

| Root | infinitive | past participle |
|-----------------|-----------------------------------|-----------------------------------|
| <i>Wandel</i> | <i>wandelen (to walk)</i> | <i>gendewandeld walked</i> |
| <i>Duw</i> | <i>duwen (to push)</i> | <i>geduwd pushed</i> |
| <i>Stofzuig</i> | <i>stofzuigen to vacuum-clean</i> | <i>gestofzuigd Vacuum-cleaned</i> |

(i) Identify the affix used for formation of infinitives **(2 marks)**

(ii) State the morphological rule for formation of infinitives **(2 marks)**

(iii) Identify the affixes used for formation of past participles and name the morphological process **(4 marks)**

(iv) If the root of 'see' is *zie*, what is the infinitive and past participle in the language? **(4 marks)**

QUESTION TWO

2(a) In the following list of words, identify four morphemes and two morphs and four allomorphs and provide explanations **(10 marks)**

Books
Wards
Liked
Matched

(b) Underline and identify the various phrases in the following sentences.

The clever cat punched on the rat under the sofa **(10 marks)**

QUESTION THREE

3(a) Distinguish between prefix and an infix. **(3 marks)**

(b) Describe zero morph and illustrate using two words in English. **(7 Marks)**

(c) Describe unilateral dependency and mutual dependency in syntax and provide examples. **(10 marks)**

QUESTION FOUR

- 4 (a) Describe and illustrate the eight inflectional morphemes in English **(10 marks)**
- (b) Explain the following in the context of syntax and provide examples.
- (i) constituent **(2 marks)**
 - (ii) Phrasal categories **(3 marks)**
 - (iii) Lexical categories **(3 marks)**
 - (iv) Clause **(2 marks)**

QUESTION FIVE

- 5 (a) Explain the following morphological rules
- (i) Agglutinative rule **(5 marks)**
 - (ii) Zero rule **(5 marks)**
- (b) Identify the heads and dependents in the following phrases
- The extreme loyal dog is eagerly waiting for the owner **(10 marks)**

QUESTION SIX

- 6 (a) Describe the following word formation processes and provide two examples of each **(10 marks)**
- (i) Clipping
 - (ii) Acronyms
 - (iii) Blending
- (b) Using tree diagrams, disambiguate the following sentence **(10 marks)**
- You can take porridge and chapati or an egg