



# UNIVERSITY EXAMINATIONS

**2<sup>ND</sup> SEMESTER 2023/2024 ACADEMIC YEAR**

**EXAMINATION FOR MASTERS IN LINGUISTICS**

**LING 712/812: STRUCTURAL OF MODERN ENGLISH**

***STREAM: R***

***TIME: 3 HRS***

***DAY: THURSDAY (12.30-3.30PM)***

***DATE: 18/4/24***

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**INSTRUCTIONS: ANSWER ANY THREE QUESTIONS**

**QUESTION ONE (20 MARKS)**

With adequate illustrations, examine the following grammatical categories:

- (a) Tense
- (b) Mood
- (c) Case
- (d) Number

(20 marks)

**QUESTION TWO (20 MARKS)**

- (a) Using relevant illustrations, discuss the various types of sentences by function. (12 marks)
- (b) Distinguish between markedness and unmarkedness in syntactic structures. (8 marks)

**QUESTION THREE (20 MARKS)**

(a) Discuss the relationships between the following strings of constructions:

- (i) Active-passive
- (ii) Positive-negative

(10 marks)

(b) Explain why it is difficult the class of work. Provide adequate illustrations. (10 marks)

**QUESTION FOUR (20 MARKS)**

Discuss the following variations in clausal structures:

- (a) Compounding
- (b) Relativization
- (c) Deletion

(20 marks)

**QUESTION FIVE (20 MARKS)**

- (a) Using relevant examples, examine any five functions of subordination in sentence. (10 marks)
- (b) Discuss any five functions of a noun phrase in English sentences. (10 marks)

