

**NATIONAL UNIVERSITY OF LESOTHO**  
**B.A/B.ED SUPPLEMENTARY EXAMINATIONS**

**ELX 2304: SYNTAX**

**AUGUST 2023**

**MARKS: 100**

**TIME: 3 HOURS**

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**INSTRUCTIONS:**

- **ANSWER ALL THE QUESTIONS**
  - **MARKS WILL BE AWARDED FOR CORRECT GRAMMAR AND SPELLING**
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**QUESTION 1**

- a) Define syntax (6)
- b) Which theory should be used in order to answer a question which says, “What does knowing a language mean”? (1)
- c) Give an example of a grammatically correct English sentence and one which is incorrect. In each case, support your argument. (4)
- d) Persuade your friend to choose Syntax as one of the linguistics courses to study at university level.

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**QUESTION 2**

Distinguish between deep structure and surface structure and give examples in the form of syntactic diagrams.

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**QUESTION 3**

Draw the syntactic diagrams for the following sentences:

- (a) The hat was on the floor. (11)
- (b) The lecturer will teach. (11)

(c) Will they go?

(11)

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