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**SECOND YEAR FIRST SEMESTER EXAMINATIONS FOR THE
DEGREE OF BACHELOR OF EDUCATION ARTS WITH
INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY**

MAIN CAMPUS

AEN 203: ENGLISH WORD AND MORPHOLOGY

Date: 8th January, 2016

Time: 8.30 - 10.30 am

INSTRUCTIONS:

- Answer question ONE and any other TWO questions.

1. A) Use illustrations to distinguish word from morpheme in the English language (20mrk)
B) Identify the root in the words below and give the syntactic category it belongs to (word class).
 - i. Unforgetfulness
 - ii. Malnutrition
 - iii. Unhealthy
 - iv. Contribution
 - v. seaward (10mks)
2. Use the adjectives below to form verbs through the process of prefixation, suffixation or conversion and identify whether the verb formed is a lexical item or not.

Full, poor, long, active, national (20mks)
3. a) Use the compound words below to explain the difference between primary/root compound and the secondary or verbal compound.
Hairnet, mosquito net, crime prevention, hair restorer (10mks)
b) Use illustrations to distinguish exocentric from endocentric compounds (10Mks)
4. Draw tree diagrams to illustrate the structure of the following words, assigning appropriate word class labels (N, A or V) to the roots and to the nodes in the trees, and identifying heads:
 - i. Greediness,
 - ii. cabin crew,

- iii. deconsecration ,
- iv. incorruptibility (20mks)

5. Discuss how the history of the English language accounts for the peculiarities of word formation in contemporary English.(20Mks)