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FIRST OPPORTUNITY EXAMINATION QUESTION PAPER	
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INSTRUCTIONS
1. Write clearly and neatly. 2. Number the answers clearly.

PERMISSIBLE MATERIALS

1. Examination Question Paper
2. Examination Script

THIS QUESTION PAPER CONSISTS OF 3 PAGES (Including this front page)

GENERAL INSTRUCTION: This examination paper has three sections. Read the instructions in each section carefully before answering any question.

SECTION ONE

Choose any two questions. Section One Total Marks: [40 Marks]

1. As opposed to modern grammar, traditional grammar has been often described as prescriptive. Write two paragraphs comparing and contrasting traditional and modern grammar. Whenever applicable, substantiate your argument with examples.

[20 Marks]

2. The distinction between performance and competence (grammaticality and acceptability) is the distinction between sentence and utterance. Transformational Generative Grammar (TGG) theory has also underscored the main differences between “performance and competence.” Following Transformational Generative Grammar (TGG) theory, compare and contrast competence and performance.

[20 Marks]

3. Linguists talk of a distinct variety of German which belongs to Namibia and call it Sudwester Deutsch. This particular variety of language is also called dialect which has not changed as much as the German used in Germany. In line with this argument, compare and contrast the diachronic and synchronic studies of German in Namibia. You can also give other similar examples to substantiate your argument.

[20 Marks]

SECTION TWO

Write phrase structure rules for the following sentences. [20 Marks]

1. Helen left after the conference had finished. [5 Marks]
2. The Namibian goal keeper was stripped of his gold medals. [5 Marks]
3. The dog is waiting to be stroked. [5 Marks]
4. He left NUST a year ago. [5 Marks]

SECTION THREE

Read the question below carefully and write a descriptive essay. [40 Marks]

Noam Chomsky's Transformative Generative Grammar (TGG) has made a clear distinction between two complex theoretical concepts: 'transformational and generative grammar.' This distinction has also immensely contributed to the present day language research and language teaching worldwide. The transformational and generative rules also can be applied to the Namibian contexts of language research and language education. What are these transformational and generative rules? Comparing and contrasting the rules, write a descriptive essay of 700 words. Substantiate each argument with Namibian examples.

END OF EXAMINATION PAPER