

## **BBLAN24100 Angol mondattan koll. / English Syntax exam – BBK**

Oral exam with two parts: (1) elaborate on a topic (see below); (2) draw labelled tree diagrams.

To prepare for (1), consult Balogné Bérces (2016) *The Structure of English*: Ch.2.1, 3.1, 3.4, 4.1, 6.1, 6.4, 8.1 and Wekker and Haegeman (1985) *A Modern Course in English Syntax*: pp. 5-62. To prepare for (2), consult Wekker and Haegeman (1985) *A Modern Course in English Syntax*: pp. 188-198 and the sample tree diagrams downloadable from the course website.

### **Topics:**

1. Representing sentence structure: labelled bracketing, labelled tree diagrams, phrase structure rules.
2. Constituency tests: movement (clefting, pseudo-clefting, passivisation, fronting/preposing) and substitution (pronominalisation).
3. The basics of sentence structure; category vs. function.
4. Coordination, subordination; differences between coordinate and subordinate clauses.
5. The complex sentence: formal and functional divisions of subclauses.
6. Finite and non-finite inflections, verbless clauses.
7. Pronouns: person, number, gender, co-reference, binding.
8. Complements and adjuncts in VPs; subcategorisation frames for (lexical) verbs.
9. The operator: the first auxiliary in the VP.
10. The clause as a CP; the sentence as an IP.