FEEDBACK TUTORIAL LETTER

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ASSIGNMENT 1

English Syntax

ESY611S
ENGLISH SYNTAX (ESY611S)

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Dear Students

You did not experience major problems with this assignment.

A few words of advice:

Read discriminatively to identify similarities and differences. Words such as internal and external are significant contributors to meaning and ultimately your marks in a question. Rephrase information to help you remember it.

For the upcoming vocational school, read Units 3 and 7.

Question 1

1 Syntax: The rules that dictate the order in which words should be constructed on a syntagmatic level to generate meaning. Refer to pages 9, 10 and 91 of the 2016 study guide.
This question can count up to five marks, so construct a comprehensible definition from the information provided. I would also advise that you construct sentences to indicate aspects such as the S-V-O (subject-verb-object) rule to illustrate the difference between grammatically well-constructed sentences and those that are not.

2 Clause complex: A grammatical and semantic unit formed by linking to or more clauses in a systematic, meaningful manner.

3 Word class: Also called parts of speech, it refers to the categories into words can be arranged according to their roles in sentences.

4 Phrase structure rule

5 Mood: Used in reference to the verb to indicate fact (indicative), command (imperative), question (interrogative), a condition (conditional) or a wish (subjunctive) mood.

Question 2

1 His second book came out this year
Second is an adjective that modifies book.
Year is an adverb of time. It forms the head of the adverbial phrase (AvP) this year and consists of a modifier “this” and an adverb “year”.

2 The beautiful woman in the purple dress.
In is a preposition. It introduces the prepositional phrase (PP) in the purple dress.

3 Messi squeezed the ball between the goal keeper's legs into the net.
Squeezed is a verb, forming the main verb of the sentence.
Question 3

Describe the relationship between:

a) Syntax and Phonology
b) Syntax and Morphology

Read the relevant pages (pp. 13-19) in your study guide together with prescribed and recommended works.

Question 4

Discuss the differences between Descriptive and Prescriptive Grammar.

Read Unit 2 in your study guide together with prescribed and recommended works.

Regards,