2002 Paper 11 Question 3

Compiler Construction

The specification for a pocket-calculator-style programming language is as follows:

- Valid inputs consist either of an Expression followed by the enter button or of an Expression followed by store Identifier enter;
- Expressions consist of Numbers and Identifiers connected with the binary operators +, \times and \uparrow (in increasing binding power), with the unary operators and abs, and possibly grouped with parentheses. Unary operators bind more strongly than + but weaker than \times so that -a + b means (-a) + b but $-a \times b$ means $-(a \times b)$;
- Numbers consist of a sequence of at least one digit, possibly interspersed with exactly one decimal point, and possibly followed by an exponential marker "e" followed by a signed integer, e.g. 6.023e+22. Identifiers are sequences of lower-case letters.
- (a) Give a Context-Free Grammar (Type 2 in the Chomsky Hierarchy) for the set of valid input sequences using names beginning with an upper-case letter for non-terminals. It should be complete in that you should go as far as to define e.g.

- (b) Indicate, giving brief reasoning, which non-terminals are appropriate to be processed using lexical analysis and which using syntax analysis proper.

 [5 marks]
- (c) Give yacc or CUP input describing those elements deemed in part (b) to be suitable for syntax analysis. You need not give "semantic actions". [5 marks]