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FIRST YEAR FIRST SEMESTER EXAMINATION FOR

BACHELOR OF EDUCATION

BACHELOR OF ARTS

AEN 101: AN INTRODUCTION TO THE GRAMMAR OF ENGLISH

DATE: 19/12/2022

TIME: 8:30 – 10:30 AM

INSTRUCTIONS: Answer question one and any other two questions.

QUESTION ONE (30 MARKS)

- a) State the function of each underlined phrase in the sentence in which it occurs. (10 marks)
- i. My father read a funny story to us.
 - ii. Our team won the match yesterday.
 - iii. That teacher gave his class a very simple test.
 - iv. Many students enjoy reading detective stories.
 - v. These people are hardworking.
 - vi. They arrived in the evening.
 - vii. Their ancestors came from England.
 - viii. Every evening Juma calls his wife.
 - ix. Fred wrote his mother a letter recently.
 - x. The news was quite encouraging.
- b) Construct a sentence with the following word classes. Underline the word class used.
- i. A verb used in the intransitively.
 - ii. A noun modifying another noun.
 - iii. An adverb that inflects for comparison.
 - iv. An adjective in the irregular degree of comparison.
 - v. A cardinal number.
 - vi. A primary auxiliary verb
 - vii. A ditransitive verb
 - viii. A demonstrative pronoun.

- ix. An adverb of time.
- x. A subordinating conjunction
- xi. A complex(multi-word) preposition.
- xii. An irregular verb in the simple past tense.
- xiii. A reciprocal pronoun
- xiv. A quantifier
- xv. A pronoun in the third person singular form. (15 marks)

- c) Identify adjectives in the following sentences and state whether it is used attributively or, predicatively. (5 marks)
- i. The man isn't old at all.
 - ii. The baby was awake for an hour.
 - iii. They painted the door green.
 - iv. They enjoy loud music.

QUESTION TWO (20MARKS)

Describe the **nine** patterns of English sentences in terms of sentence elements giving an example of a sentence in each case. Underline the elements

QUESTION THREE (20MARKS)

With **two** sentential examples explain the following grammatical features of a verb phrase:

- i. Mood
- ii. Number
- iii. Voice
- iv. Aspect
- v. concord
- vi. Tense

QUESTION FOUR (20MARKS)

- a) State the word class of the underlined words: (8 marks)
- i. We had a good laugh over John's mistake.
 - ii. Why do you laugh?
 - iii. I have my doubts about his honesty
 - iv. I cannot doubt his honesty
 - v. She was drying her hair
 - vi. Is this paint dry?
 - vii. We decided to brave the storm.
 - viii. It was very brave of you to go.

- b) Construct (a) grammatical structure (s) as instructed in each case.
- i. A sentence with a PP serving as an adverbial. Underline the PP. (2 marks)
 - ii. A noun phrase serving as an object of a preposition. (2 marks)
 - iii. A sentence containing at least one adjective phrase and a three-word verb phrase. (4 marks)
 - iv. Using illustrations, show the distinction between, Coordinating and subordination in clauses/sentences (4 marks)

QUESTION FIVE (20MARKS)

- a) Using illustrations, show any **FIVE** functions of the noun phrase. (10 marks)
- b) Explain the following sentences in terms of structure and functions.
- i. Sit down now.
 - ii. Maria would like to see you.
 - iii. Should you arrive early let me know. I
 - iv. Didn't the drawer contain anything?
 - v. What a wonderful per (10 marks)