

## AEN 201: Description of Modern English

### Question one

1a. Write a sentence to illustrate each one of the sentence elements listed below. Underline and label clearly the element in question in each sentence. (16mks)

- i) Subject
- ii) Predicate
- iii) Direct object;
- iv) Indirect object
- v) Adverbial
- vi) Subject complement
- vii) Object complement

b. Name the phrases underlined in sentences (i) - (v) below and indicate the function of each in the sentence. [10 marks]

- (i) The pot is heavy.
- (ii) What you told me was quite helpful.
- (iii) His son performed extremely well in K.C.P.E.
- (iv) Susan was very pleased over her performance.
- (v) Nancy sat directly opposite the Chairman.

c. Identify and underline the predicator in the following sentences. (4 marks)

- a. Two of the prisoners may have escaped.
- b. The child should have been sleeping.
- c. The man was dying.
- d. The girl must have been kissed.

### Question two

With suitable examples from English, describe **four** structural types of sentences showing the differences between these categories. [20mks]

### Question three

It is possible to leave out parts of sentences or replace them and still have meaningful and grammatical sentences. Illustrate the truth of this statement with adequate examples of your own. (20 marks)

### Question four

“Nearly all phrases have at least two internal structures and two functions.” Use examples to illustrate the truth of this statement. (20 marks)

### Question five

Study the following sentences, and then for each:

- b) Underline the clause
- c) Explain the function of the clause in the sentence. [20 marks]
  - i) Students who don't study retake their units.
  - ii) Let us know when the teacher comes.
  - iii) After my sister left the bus arrived

- iv) I don't know how the thief entered the house.
- v) I bought the shoes that my sister is wearing.
- vi) This is what your brother gave me.
- vii) The book which you lent me is lost.
- viii) What happened to the money is worrying my father.
- ix) We haven't heard whether the president is coming.
- x) Our teacher likes students who ask questions in class.