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THIRD YEAR SECOND SEMESTER EXAMINATION FOR

BACHELOR OF ARTS

BACHELOR OF EDUCATION (ARTS)

AEN 302: ENGLISH GRAMMAR AND USAGE

Date:

Time:

INSTRUCTIONS

- (a) Answer Question One (Compulsory) and Any Other Two Questions
- (b) Ungrammatical constructions will be penalized
- (c) Examples used in class are not allowed

1. (a) In each of the following cases, form two analysed phrases:

- (i) NP with Det+N+Relative clause
- (ii) Adj.P with Premod.+Adj.+Postmod,
- (iii) Pre-determiner+Central determiner+Post-determiner+Noun

(6 Marks)

(b) Use the phrase THE PIOUS MAN OF THE CLOTH to form a sentence where it functions as:

- (i) Subject
- (ii) Direct Object
- (iii) Indirect Object
- (iv) Object Complement
- (v) Subject Complement
- (vi) Prepositional Complement

(12 Marks)

(c) Use the verb BOUGHT in a sentence as instructed below:

- (i) Mono-transitively
- (ii) Di-transitively
- (iii) Intransitively

(6 Marks)

(d) Explain each of the sentences in (c) above.

(6 Marks)

2. (a) Using appropriate examples, explain any four syntactic functions of primary auxiliaries. (8 Marks)

(b) Using analysed examples, explain the following types of non-finite clauses.

- (i) *to*-infinitive
- (ii) *ing*-infinitive
- (iv) *-ed/-en* infinitive
- (v) *Bare* infinitive

(12 Marks)

3. Explain, with well analysed example sentences, the structural features and syntactic functions of primary auxiliaries.

(20 Marks)

4. (a) Convert the sentence below into the passive voice:

The gullible voters might have been waiting the dodgy aspirant.

(4 Marks)

(b) Discuss any FOUR structural characteristics of the passivized sentence in 4(a).

(16 Marks)

5. Analyse the form(s) and function(s) of subordinating conjunctions.

(20 Marks)