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SECOND YEAR FIRST SUPPLEMENTARY SEMESTER EXAMINATION FOR DEGREE IN EDUCATION (ARTS) –

AEN 101: INTRODUCTION TO THE GRAMMAR OF ENGLISH

DATE: TIME:

INSTRUCTIONS
Answer Question ONE and any other two questions.

1a) Identify and classify the phrases in the following sentences.

- i)   The boy will have arrived in China by this time
- ii)   All the children seemed extremely happy.
- iii)   She couldn't go to the party because of her bad cold.   (10mks)

- b)   Construct a sentence for each of the following sentence / clause patterns and label the sentence with elements.
  - i.   S-V-A
  - ii.   S-V-O
  - iii.   S-V-iO-O
  - iv.   S-V-C
  - v.   S-V-O-C-A   (10mks)

vi.

c) Complete the following sentences with an appropriate **conjunction**. Indicate whether the conjunction is a coordinating, a correlative, or a subordination conjunction .(10mks)

    i.   The sun was shining brightly _____the birds were singing sweetly.

    ii.   Do you prefer juice _____milk?

    iii.   Juma cannot go swimming today _____he lost her swimming costume.

    iv.   I do not know _____i can wait for that long.

    v.   _____the head of department _____the exam officer will be able to solve that problem.

Question two

2) Describe the features that distinguish the following types of sentences. Use two sentential examples for each. (20 mks)

    a) Simple sentences

    b) Compound   sentences

    c) Compound - complex sentences

Question three

a) Use two   examples   for each to describe the verb phrase in relation to the following features. (12mks)

    i)   Aspect

    ii)   Modality

    iii) Voice

b. Explain with illustrations the difference between attributive and predicative adjectives (4mks)

c. The order of adjectives in a sentence is largely determined by the semantic classes of the adjective involved. In relation to this state what the adjectives in the following sentences denote. (4mks)

a. His huge old black plastic American bag.

b. An expensive rectangular green wooden tray.

Question four

a. With sentential illustrations discuss the inflectional and derivational endings of :(20mks)

 i. Verbs

ii. Nouns

iii. Adjectives

iv. Adverbs

Question five

a. What is a preposition?   (4mks)
b. Construct five sentences using a preposition and underline the preposition.   (10mks)

c. With three sentences of your choice illustrate prepositional phrases.   (6mks)