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Supplementary

AEN 0201: ASPECTS OF MODERN ENGLISH GRAMMAR & USAGE

Date:

Time:

INSTRUCTIONS

Answer Question One=30marks (Compulsory) and Any Other Two Questions =20 marks each. .

QUESTION ONE

a) Differentiate the following terms and illustrate using a sentence for each.

- i. Infinitive
- ii. Gerund
- iii. Clause
- iv. Phrase

[12 marks]

b) Use the words below as instructed in each case:

i) May (a) to express permission

(b) to express possibility

ii) For (a) as a preposition

(b) to express duration

iii) At (a) to express position

(b) to express time

[12 mks]

c) Rewrite the following by reporting the commands and requests from direct to indirect form. [6 marks]

i. Direct speech: Joe said to Mercy, 'Sit down.'

Indirect speech: -----

ii. Direct speech: Faith said to me, 'Please wait here till I return.'

Indirect speech: -----

iii. Direct speech: 'Arrest the suspects,' said the officer.

Indirect speech: -----

iv. Direct speech: Caro said, 'Please maintain silence'

Indirect speech: -----

v. Direct speech: Please work hard to excel in your studies.

Indirect speech: -----

Vi . Direct speech : "Bad company spoils good morals ,"advised the speaker.

Indirect speech :

QUESTION TWO

- a) Differentiate comparatives from superlatives (8Marks)
- b) Explain any **FOUR** ways of their formation. (12Mark)

QUESTION THREE.

b) Explain the considerations you would observe when (20 marks)

- i) Expressing Denial and affirmation
- ii) Expressing degree and comparison
- iii) Describing willingness and obligation.
- iv) Expressing time and direction.
- v) Expressing frequency and place

Give specific examples to illustrate your answers.

QUESTION FOUR

Explain your understanding of the following using specific examples:

- i. Regular and irregular verbs
- ii. Main verbs and auxiliary verbs
- iii. Determiners and quantifiers

(20 marks)

Question FIVE

Discuss the THREE moods in English and give sentences to illustrate your answers;

(20 marks)