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SCHOOL OF HUMANITIES AND SOCIAL SCIENCES

DEPARTMENT OF LINGUISTICS AND LANGUAGES

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DIPLOMA IN EDUCATION (ARTS)

AEN 0201: ASPECTS OF MODERN ENGLISH GRAMMAR & USAGE

DATE: 22/10/2020

TIME: 2:00 – 4:00 PM

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## INSTRUCTIONS

Answer Question One (Compulsory) and Any Other Two Questions

### QUESTION ONE (COMPULSORY) (30 MARKS)

- 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 marks)
- 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

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**QUESTION TWO (20 MARKS)**

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

**QUESTION THREE (20 MARKS)**

Explain the considerations you would observe when

- 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 (20 MARKS)**

Explain your understanding of the following using specific examples:

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

**QUESTION FIVE (20 MARKS)**

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