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(ARTS) –

**AEN 201: DESCRIPTION OF MODERN ENGLISH**

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**DATE:**

**TIME:**

1a. Identify the **adverb phrases** in the following sentences. State the type of phrases their functions. (18mks)

- (i) They will soon be here.
- (ii) Fortunately, they listened to us attentively.
- (iii) Joyce plays soccer regularly nowadays.
- (iv) She sang extremely well.
- (vi) They seldom spend the night upstairs.
- (vii) James came late. Nevertheless, he completed his assignment.
- (ix) Kitivi surprisingly denied the charge.
- (x) The deadly weapon was hurriedly hidden.
- (xi) He closed his eyes tight.

b. Identify the **noun phrases** in the following sentences and state their functions (12mks)

- i. She is a nurse
- ii. The meat is in the kitchen.
- iii. The lecture hall was full of seats.
- iv. He broke the window.
- v. It is a meter long.
- vi. He left for hospital.

**Question two (20mks)**

- a. Identify and underline the direct objects, indirect object, benefactive object, subject attribute, object attribute and predicator complement in the in the following sentences.
  - i. When did the club make this a condition for membership?
  - ii. The prisoner's case seems hopeless
  - iii. Mary is bound to cook you a very good dinner tonight.
  - iv. We have given the personnel officer your application
  - v. The children are being looked after by our neighbors.
  - vi. These words should be looked up by all students.
  - vii. After a few minutes it began to rain.
  - viii. She always gets too emotional
  - ix. He forced me to empty my pockets

**Question three (20mks)**

Identify any five functions of a clause, and for each write two illustrative sentences. (20 marks)

**Question four (20mks)**

- a. In your own words explain what description of a language is. (2mks)
- b. Differentiate with appropriate examples the difference between **diachronic description** and **synchronic description** of language. (4mks)

Identify the word class of the underlined word in the following sentences. (7mks)

- i. I have my doubts about his honesty.
- ii. I cannot doubt his honesty.
- iii. He was knocked out in the first round.
- iv. The police- car rounded the corner on two wheels.

- v. We have a round table on our dining room.
- vi. When will you come round again?
- vii. The guard walked round the building.

**Question five (20mks)**

a. Compare and contrast Adjective and Adverb phrases in terms of structure and functions. (10mks)

b. Illustrate by use of sentences how a noun phrase (NP) functions as a: (10mks)

- i. Subject
- ii. Direct object
- iii. Indirect object
- iv. Benefactive object
- v. Subject attribute
- vi. Object attribute.