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

AEN 201: DESCRIPTION OF MODERN ENGLISH

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.