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BACHELOR OF EDUCATION

AEN 302: ENGLISH GRAMMAR & USAGE

DATE:

TIME:

INSTRUCTIONS

Answer Question One and Any Other Two Questions

QUESTION ONE (COMPULSORY) (30 MARKS)

- a) Identify the structure of the underlined noun phrases in the following sentences. (5 marks)
- I saw no one
 - Several announcements were made.
 - Were the concerns about the leakage of exams genuine?
 - Any young man of medium height can lift it.
 - I bought a cow which produces plenty of milk.
- b) Use the auxiliary 'may' to express:
- Request
 - Permission
 - Possibility
 - Advice
 - A wish (5 marks)
- c) In each case, construct a sentence to illustrate the following points:
- That 'do' can be used as a primary auxiliary
 - That three primary auxiliary verbs can co-occur in a verb phrase
 - That a primary auxiliary can be used in interrogative formation.
 - That a modal auxiliary can be used for emphasis. (4 marks)

d) Use the following words as instructed:

'that' - as

- i. a pronoun
- ii. a determiner

'right' - as

- i. an adjective
- ii. an adverb (iii)

'my' as

- i. Noun
- ii. To show possession
- iii. To show a relationship

'swallow' – as

- i. a bare infinitive
- ii. -ed infinitive (10 marks)

e) Construct two sentences for each of the following words, first using it as a preposition and then as a conjunction. (6 marks)

- i. After
- ii. As
- iii. Since

QUESTION TWO (20 MARKS)

“One modal auxiliary can express many modal meanings while one modal meaning can be expressed by different modals.” Use the modal auxiliaries „can“, „may“, „could“ and „must“ to illustrate the truth of this statement.

QUESTION THREE (20 MARKS)

- a) With the help of examples, explain the difference between a phrase and a sentence.(4 marks)
- b) Construct a sentence of your own as instructed.
 - i. Using early as an adverb.
 - ii. Using early as an adjective
 - iii. Using for as a conjunction
 - iv. Using for as a preposition
 - v. using kitchen as an adjective

- vi. Using to as an infinitive form
- vii. Using to as a preposition
- viii. Using may to grant permission. (16 marks)

QUESTION FOUR (20 MARKS)

Clearly distinguish between the prepositional and the conjunctive usage of the following words:

- a) Before
- b) Since
- c) After
- d) For
- e) As

QUESTION FIVE (20 MARKS)

- a) With two sentential illustrations from each type explain the following type of verbs
 - i. Monotransitive verbs
 - ii. Ditransitive verbs
 - iii. Complex transitive verbs (6 marks)
- b) Use the NP '*The student*' as:
 - i. Subject
 - ii. Direct object
 - iii. Object complements
 - iv. Indirect object
 - v. Subject complement
 - vi. Prepositional complement (14 marks)
 - vii. Predicate complement