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**AEN 0201: ASPECTS OF MODERN ENGLISH GRAMMAR & USAGE**

**Date:**

**Time:**

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## **INSTRUCTIONS**

**Answer question one and any other two questions.**

### **QUESTION ONE**

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

- i. Infinitive
- ii The gerund
- iii. Adverb of manner
- 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.

(12Marks)

## QUESTION THREE

Discuss four grammatical aspects that a finite verb can convey information about ( 20 marks)

## 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 any four moods in English and give sentences to illustrate your answers;

(20 marks)