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BACHELOR OF EDUCATION (ARTS)

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AEN 101: INTRODUCTION TO THE GRAMMAR OF ENGLISH

DATE: 12/8/2021

TIME: 8:30 – 10:30 AM

INSTRUCTIONS

Answer Question ONE and any other two questions.

QUESTION ONE (30 MARKS)

- a) Identify and classify the phrases in the following sentences.
- i) The boy will have arrived in China by this time
 - ii) All the children seemed extremely happy.
 - iii) She couldn't go to the party because of her bad cold. (10 marks)
- b) Construct a sentence for each of the following sentence / clause patterns and label the sentence with elements.
- i. S-V-A
 - ii. S-V-O
 - iii. S-V-iO-O
 - iv. S-V-C
 - v. S-V-O-C-A (10 marks)
 - vi.
- c) Complete the following sentences with an appropriate **conjunction**. Indicate whether the conjunction is a coordinating, a correlative, or a subordination conjunction. (10 marks)
- i. The sun was shining brightly _____ the birds were singing sweetly.

- ii. Do you prefer juice _____milk?
- iii. Juma cannot go swimming today _____he lost her swimming costume.
- iv. I do not know _____i can wait for that long.
- v. _____the head of department _____the exam officer will be able to solve that problem.

QUESTION TWO

Describe the features that distinguish the following types of sentences. Use two sentential examples for each. (20 marks)

- a) Simple sentences
- b) Compound sentences
- c) Compound - complex sentences

QUESTION THREE

- a) Use two examples for each to describe the verb phrase in relation to the following features. (12 marks)
 - i) Aspect
 - ii) Modality
 - iii) Voice
- b) Explain with illustrations the difference between attributive and predicative adjectives (4 marks)
- c) The order of adjectives in a sentence is largely determined by the semantic classes of the adjective involved. In relation to this state what the adjectives in the following sentences denote. (4 marks)
 - a. His huge old black plastic American bag.
 - b. An expensive rectangular green wooden tray.

QUESTION FOUR

- a) With sentential illustrations discuss the inflectional and derivational endings of :(20mks)
 - i. Verbs
 - ii. Nouns
 - iii. Adjectives
 - iv. Adverbs

QUESTION FIVE

- a) What is a preposition? (4 marks)
- b) Construct five sentences using a preposition and underline the preposition. (10 marks)
- c) With three sentences of your choice illustrate prepositional phrases. (6 marks)