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APRIL SESSION EXAMINATION FOR

BACHELOR OF EDUCATION (ARTS)

AEN 302: ENGLISH GRAMMAR AND USAGE

DATE: 20/7/2021

TIME: 11.00-1.00 PM

INSTRUCTIONS:

ANSWER QUESTION ONE AND ANY TWO QUESTIONS

QUESTION ONE (30 MARKS)

- a) Using clear examples, show that a sentence can be described in form and function. (4 marks)
- b) Give one example of a sentence for each of the following sentence types. (8 marks)
- Declarative
 - Interrogative
 - Imperative
 - Exclamative
- c) English sentences display a wide range of syntactic structures. Give five English sentences which represent different sentence structures. (10 marks)
- d) With clear examples, show the four constituents of noun phrase. (8 marks)

QUESTION TWO (20 MARKS)

- a) Using suitable examples, illustrate the structure of the following: (10 marks)
- Noun phrase (NP)
 - Verb phrase (VP)
- b) Explain whether the underlined words in the following sentences are adjectives or adverbs.

- i. She feels badly about it.
 - ii. He served the tea cold
 - iii. Jane hardly works
 - iv. They were found asleep
 - v. He rarely visits her these days
- (10 marks)

QUESTION THREE (20 MARKS)

- a) With examples show the differences between primary and modal auxiliaries in English. (10 marks)
- b) Underline the major verb in each sentence and state whether transitive or intransitive.
 - i. He likes football
 - ii. Can you open the door, please?
 - iii. The farmer planted maize
 - iv. His mother arrived late.
 - v. The boy kicked the ball(10 marks)

QUESTIONFOUR (20 MARKS)

- a) Define mood in English. (2 marks)
- b) Using clear examples, describe the following types of mood in English. (9 marks)
 - i. Indicative mood
 - ii. Imperative mood
 - iii. Subjunctive mood
- c) State the types of infinitive verbs in the sentences below. (10 marks)
 - i. He heard the thieves enter the house.
 - ii. They found the money hidden in the car boot.
 - iii. We saw two elephants crossing the road.
 - iv. We convinced him to share the pin.
 - v. They expected Rose to win.
 - vi. She made her husband wash the house.
 - vii. I resent girls watching movies all the time.
 - viii. He has another woman locked in the room.
 - ix. She decided to withdraw her support.

QUESTION FIVE (20 MARKS)

- a) With clear examples, differentiate a main clause and subordinate clause. (4 marks)
- b) Using two examples for each, show how the following join sentences. (8 marks)
- i. Coordinating conjunctions
 - ii. Subordinating conjunctions
- c) Using examples differentiate between the following. (8 marks)
- i. Simple sentence
 - ii. Compound sentence