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SCHOOL OF HUMANITIES AND SOCIAL SCIENCES

DEPARTMENT OF LINGUISTICS AND LANGUAGES

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DIPLOMA IN EDUCATION (ARTS)

AEN 0201: ASPECTS OF MODERN ENGLISH GRAMMAR & USAGE

DATE: 17/8/2021

TIME: 2.00-4.00 PM

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## INSTRUCTIONS:

ANSWER QUESTION ONE AND ANY TWO QUESTIONS

### QUESTION ONE (COMPULSORY) (30 MARKS)

- 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 marks)
- 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.
- vi. Indirect speech: -----
- vii. Direct speech : “Bad company spoils good morals ,”advised the speaker.  
Indirect speech :.....

**QUESTION TWO (20 MARKS)**

- a) Differentiate comparatives from superlatives (8 marks)
- b) Explain any **FOUR** ways of their formation. (12 marks)

**QUESTION THREE (20 MARKS)**

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

**QUESTION FOUR (20 MARKS)**

Explain your understanding of the following using specific examples:

- a) Regular and irregular verbs
- b) Main verbs and auxiliary verbs
- c) Determiners and quantifiers

**QUESTION FIVE (20 MARKS)**

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