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DIPLOMA IN EDUCATION

AEN 0201: ASPECTS OF MODERN ENGLISH GRAMMAR & USAGE

DATE:

TIME:

INSTRUCTIONS:

Answer question one and any other two questions

QUESTION ONE (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.
Indirect speech: -----
- vi. 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

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;