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BACHELOR OF EDUCATION (ARTS)

BACHELOR OF ARTS

AEN 201: DESCRIPTION OF MODERN ENGLISH

DATE: 19/8/2021

TIME: 8.30-10.30 AM

INSTRUCTIONS:

ANSWER QUESTION ONE AND ANY TWO QUESTIONS

QUESTION ONE (30 MARKS)

a) Name the phrases underlined in sentences (i) - (v) below and indicate the function of each in the sentence. (20 marks)

- i. The pot is heavy.
- ii. What you told me was quite helpful.
- iii. His son performed extremely well in K.C.P.E.
- iv. Susan was very pleased over her performance.
- v. Nancy sat directly opposite the Chairman.
- vi. The board considered this a very grave error of judgement.
- vii. The new edition will be available in August.
- viii. Surprisingly he turned out to be a dishonest man.
- ix. After the fifteenth of August would suit me better.
- x. Harry was in his high spirits.
- xi. The oak behind the pond seems to be dying.

b) The underlined clauses are either finite and non-finite. Identify them and state their functions in the sentence.

- i. My father, who everyone thought most highly of, died in 1973.
- ii. I was dubious who to ask for.
- iii. The girl turned out to be worth waiting for.
- iv. The man to do business with is Donald McLeod. (10 marks)

QUESTION TWO (20 MARKS)

Verb phrase exhibits a number of features that are not found in any other phrase. With sentential illustrations explain the **five** features.

QUESTION THREE (20 MARKS)

English sentence structure yield eight basic patterns. Construct eight sentences to demonstrate the eight patterns.

QUESTION FOUR (20 MARKS)

Classify the following sentences as simple, complex or compound. State the reason(s) for your classification

- a) The children have been quarrelling the who day.
- b) An hour later we made another attempt to cross the river.
- c) You must admit that you knew that I had told my father that I am pregnant.
- d) The two men were arrested in a pub last night.
- e) What you say implies that you do not approve
- f) As he was watching her, he suddenly realized how pretty she was.
- g) Oil is now more expensive and that will affect our economy.
- h) I know that he feels depressed but has he taken his pills?
- i) He must have believed what I said about the club and that is why he joined.
- j) John's father is a civil servant.

QUESTION FIVE (20 MARKS)

Construct two sentences in each case to illustrate how English pro-forms that are used to replace:

- a) Noun phrase
- b) Verb phrase
- c) An adjective phrase
- d) A clause