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BACHELOR OF EDUCATION

BACHELOR OF ARTS

AEN 201: DESCRIPTION OF MODERN ENGLISH

DATE: 22/12/2022

TIME: 11:00 – 1:00 PM

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**INSTRUCTIONS: Answer question one and any other two questions.**

## QUESTION ONE (COMPULSORY) (30 MARKS)

- a) Write a sentence to illustrate each one of the sentence elements listed below. Underline and label clearly the element in question in each sentence. (16 marks)
- Subject
  - Predicate
  - Direct object;
  - Indirect object
  - Adverbial
  - Subject complement
  - Object complement
- b) Name the phrases underlined in sentences (i) - (v) below and indicate the function of each in the sentence. (10 marks]
- The pot is heavy.
  - What you told me was quite helpful.
  - His son performed extremely well in K.C.P.E.
  - Susan was very pleased over her performance.
  - Nancy sat directly opposite the Chairman.
- c) Identify and underline the predicator in the following sentences. (4 marks)
- Two of the prisoners may have escaped.
  - The child should have been sleeping.
  - The man was dying.
  - The girl must have been kissed.

**QUESTION TWO (20MARKS)**

With suitable examples from English, describe **four** structural types of sentences showing the differences between these categories.

**QUESTION THREE (20MARKS)**

It is possible to leave out parts of sentences or replace them and still have meaningful and grammatical sentences. Illustrate the truth of this statement with adequate examples of your own.

**QUESTION FOUR (20MARKS)**

“Nearly all phrases have at least two internal structures and two functions.” Use examples to illustrate the truth of this statement.

**QUESTION FIVE (20MARKS)**

Study the following sentences, and then for each:

Underline the clause

Explain the function of the clause in the sentence.

- i. Students who don't study retake their units.
- ii. Let us know when the teacher comes.
- iii. After my sister left the bus arrived
- iv. I don't know how the thief entered the house.
- v. I bought the shoes that my sister is wearing.
- vi. This is what your brother gave me.
- vii. The book which you lent me is lost.
- viii. What happened to the money is worrying my father.
- ix. We haven't heard whether the president is coming.
- x. Our teacher likes students who ask questions in class.