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DEPARTMENT OF LINGUISTICS AND LANGUAGES

.....SEMESTER EXAMINATION FOR DIPLOMA IN

ALT 0201: ASPECTS OF MODERN ENGLISH GRAMMAR AND USAGE

Date:

Time:

INSTRUCTIONS

Answer Question One (Compulsory) and Any Two Other Questions

1.
 - a) With suitable examples and proper explanation, discuss the FOUR types of Conjunctions in English. (12 marks)
 - b) Outline four main uses of the definite articles. Give an example of each. (8 marks)
 - c) How do we express obligation and permission in English? Illustrate your explanation with examples. (10 marks)
2. Write brief notes with examples showing how the notions of position, manner, means and instrument are expressed in grammar. (20 marks)
3.
 - i) What are vocatives? (2 marks)
 - ii) Show how vocatives are used in English. (8 marks)
 - iii) Discuss with clearly given examples FIVE types of questions. (10 marks)
4. Using sentences for illustrations, discuss the following aspects of tense
 - i) The present perfect
 - ii) The present perfect progressive
 - iii) The future in the past
 - iv) The simple past

5. a) What kind of condition is expressed by the following sentences (likely, unlikely, impossible) Explain your answer. (9 marks)
- i) If Peter requires my grammar book, I will lend it to him.
 - ii) If Peter required my grammar book, I would lend it to him
 - iii) If we had taken care of the environment, we could not have become sick.
- b) What is a noun phrase? Give two examples of it. (3 marks)
- c) Mention and discuss FOUR categories of pronouns giving an illustration for each of them. (8 marks)