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BACHELOR OF EDUCATION

AEN 201: DESCRIPTION OF MODERN ENGLISH

DATE:

TIME:

INSTRUCTIONS

Answer Question One and Any Other Two Questions

QUESTION ONE (COMPULSORY) (30 MARKS)

- a) Underline, name and state the function of the clause in the following sentences
- Students who don't study retake their units.
 - Let us know when the teacher comes.
 - After my sister left the bus arrived
 - I don't know how the thief entered the house.
 - I bought the shoes that my sister is wearing. (15 marks)
- b) With illustrations describe sentences from: (15 marks)
- Their structural forms.
 - Their functional forms

QUESTION TWO (20 MARKS)

Identify the constituents of each of the following sentences (e.g. Subject, Verb, Object etc)

- Yesterday, we mistakenly took the boy's bicycle.
- They have appealed to higher authorities.
- It will be a tough fight this time.
- Street crimes soared.
- British Airways awarded bonus miles to executive club customers.

QUESTION THREE (20 MARKS)

- a) Write down only the verb or verb phrase in each sentence below and after it indicate if it is transitive, intransitive or linking. (10 marks)
- i. On Sunday we will be going on a picnic.
 - ii. The birds seem strangely quiet this morning.
 - iii. Redeem these coupons for valuable merchandise.
 - iv. This has been a special day.
 - v. The screen writer has been making many script changes.
- b) Identify the *adjective phrases* in the following sentences and state their syntactic functions (10 marks)
- i. He is becoming a bit too big for his boots.
 - ii. We'd like the sheets a little cleaner
 - iii. In those days it was thought indecent to kiss a girl in public.
 - iv. It made him very sad to see his son in uniform.
 - v. It is quite unnecessary for you to do that.

QUESTION FOUR (20 MARKS)

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

QUESTION FIVE (20 MARKS)

- a) Illustrate by use of sentences how a noun phrase (NP) functions as a: (10 marks)
- i. Subject
 - ii. Direct object
 - iii. Indirect object
 - iv. Subject complement
 - v. Object complement
- b) Identify the prepositional phrases in the following sentences and state their function (10 marks)
- i. At five o'clock we had covered half the distance.
 - ii. They are selling the old types at exceedingly low prices.
 - iii. The oak behind the pond seems to be dying.