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JUNE-MARCH SCHOOL BASED EXAMINATIONS

AEN 302: ENGLISH GRAMMAR AND USAGE

DATE: _____ **TIME:** _____

Instructions

Answer question **ONE** and **any two** others.

Q1. a) Using clear examples, show that a sentence can be described in form and function. 4 mks

b) Give one example of a sentence for each of the following sentence types. 8mks

- Declarative
- Interrogative
- Imperative
- Exclamative

c) English sentences display a wide range of syntactic structures. Give five English sentences which represent different sentence structures. 10 mks

d) With clear examples, show the four constituents of noun phrase. 8mks

Q2. a) Using suitable examples, illustrate the structure of the following: 10mks

- Noun phrase (NP)

- Verb phrase (VP)

b) Explain whether the underlined words in the following sentences are adjectives or adverbs. 10mks

1) She feels badly about it.

2) He served the tea cold

3) Jane hardly works

4) They were found asleep

5) He rarely visits her these days

Q3. a) With examples show the differences between primary and modal auxiliaries in English. 10 mks

b) Underline the major verb in each sentence and state whether transitive or intransitive. 10mks

1) He likes football

2) Can you open the door, please?

3) The farmer planted maize

4) His mother arrived late.

5) The boy kicked the ball

Q4. a) Define mood in English. 2mks

b) Using clear examples, describe the following types of mood in English. 9mks

- Indicative mood

- Imperative mood

- Subjunctive mood

c) State the types of infinitive verbs in the sentences below. 10mks

1) He heard the thieves enter the house.

- 2) They found the money hidden in the car boot.
- 3) We saw two elephants crossing the road.
- 4) We convinced him to share the pin.
- 5) They expected Rose to win.
- 6) She made her husband wash the house.
- 7) I resent girls watching movies all the time.
- 8) He has another woman locked in the room.
- 9) She decided to withdraw her support.

Q5. a) With clear examples, differentiate a main clause and subordinate clause. 4mks

b) Using two examples for each, show how the following join sentences. 8mks

(a)- Coordinating conjunctions

(b) - Subordinating conjunctions

c) Using examples differentiate between the following. 8mks

1) Simple sentence

2) Compound sentence