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BACHELOR OF EDUCATION

BACHELOR OF ARTS

AEN 101: INTRODUCTION TO THE GRAMMAR OF ENGLISH

Date: SCHOOL BASED

Time:

INSTRUCTIONS

Answer Question 1 and any two others.

QUESTION ONE

- a) Identify and classify the phrases in the following sentences.
- The boy will have arrived in China by this time
 - All the children seemed extremely happy.
 - She couldn't go to the party because of her bad cold. (10 marks)
- b) Construct a sentence for each of the following sentence / clause patterns and label the sentence with elements.
- S-V-A
 - S-V-O
 - S-V-iO-O
 - S-V-C
 - S-V-O-C-A (10 marks)

- c) Complete the following sentences with an appropriate **conjunction**. Indicate whether the conjunction is a coordinating, a correlative, or a subordination conjunction. (10 marks)
- i. The sun was shining brightly _____ the birds were singing sweetly.
 - ii. Do you prefer juice _____ milk?
 - iii. Juma cannot go swimming today _____ he lost her swimming costume.
 - iv. I do not know _____ I can wait for that long.
 - v. _____ the head of department _____ the exam officer will be able to solve that problem.

QUESTION TWO

Describe the features that distinguish the following types of sentences. Use two sentential examples for each. (20 marks)

- i. Simple sentences
- ii. Compound sentences
- iii. Compound - complex sentences

QUESTION THREE

- a) Use two examples for each to describe the verb phrase in relation to the following features. (12 marks)
- i) Aspect
 - ii) Modality
 - iii) Voice
- b) Explain with illustrations the difference between attributive and predicative adjectives (4 marks)
- c) The order of adjectives in a sentence is largely determined by the semantic classes of the adjective involved. In relation to this state what the adjectives in the following sentences denote. (4 marks)
- i) His huge old black plastic American bag.
 - ii) An expensive rectangular green wooden tray.

QUESTION FOUR

With sentential illustrations discuss the inflectional and derivational endings of: (20 marks)

- i. Verbs
- ii. Nouns
- iii. Adjectives
- iv. Adverbs

QUESTION FIVE

- a) What is a preposition? (4 marks)
- b) Construct five sentences using a preposition and underline the preposition. (10 marks)
- c) With three sentences of your choice illustrate prepositional phrases. (6 marks)