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FIRST SEMESTER EXAMINATION FOR DEGREE IN BACHELOR OF EDUCATION

AEN 201: DESCRIPTION OF MODERN ENGLISH

Date: SCHOOLBASED

Time:

INSTRUCTIONS

Answer Question 1 and any two others.

QUESTION ONE

- a) Identify the **adverb phrases** in the following sentences. State functions. (18 marks)
- They will soon be here.
 - Fortunately, they listened to us attentively.
 - Joyce plays soccer regularly nowadays.
 - She sang extremely well.
 - They seldom spend the night upstairs.
 - James came late. Nevertheless, he completed his assignment.
 - Kitivi surprisingly denied the charge.
 - The deadly weapon was hurriedly hidden.
 - He closed his eyes tight.
- b) Identify the **noun phrases** in the following sentences and state their functions. (12 marks)
- She is a nurse
 - The meat is in the kitchen.

- iii) The lecture hall was full of seats.
- iv) He broke the window.
- v) It is a meter long.
- vi) He left for hospital.

QUESTION TWO (20 MARKS)

- a) Identify and underline the direct objects ,indirect object, benefactive object, subject attribute , object attribute and predicator complement in the following sentences.
- i. When did the club make this a condition for membership?
 - ii. The prisoner's case seems hopeless
 - iii. Mary is bound to cook you a very good dinner tonight.
 - iv. We have given the personnel officer your application
 - v. The children are being looked after by our neighbors.
 - vi. These words should be looked up by all students.
 - vii. After a few minutes it began to rain.
 - viii. She always gets too emotional
 - ix. He forced me to empty my pockets

QUESTION THREE (20 MARKS)

Identify any five functions of a clause, and for each write two illustrative sentences. (20 marks)

QUESTION FOUR (20 MARKS)

- a) In your own words explain what description of a language is. (2 marks)
- b) Differentiate with appropriate examples the difference between **diachronic description** and **synchronic description** of language. (4 marks)
- c) Identify the word class of the underlined word in the following sentences. (7 marks)
- i. I have my doubts about his honesty.
 - ii. I cannot doubt his honesty.
 - iii. He was knocked out in the first round.
 - iv. The police- car rounded the corner on two wheels.

- v. We have a round table on our dining room.
- vi. When will you come round again?
- vii. The guard walked round the building.

QUESTION FIVE (20 MARKS)

- a) Compare and contrast Adjective and Adverb phrases in terms of structure and functions. (10 marks)
- b) Illustrate by use of sentences how a noun phrase (NP) functions as a: (10 marks)
 - i. Subject
 - ii. Direct object
 - iii. Indirect object
 - iv. Benefactive object
 - v. Subject attribute
 - vi. Object attribute.