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DEPARTMENT OF LINGUISTICS AND LANGUAGES

SECOND YEAR FIRST SEMESTER EXAMINATION FOR BACHELOR OF
EDUCATION ARTS

AEN 201: DESCRIPTION OF MODERN ENGLISH

DATE: 6/12/2017

TIME: 11:00 – 1:00 PM

INSTRUCTIONS

Answer question one and any other two questions

1. a) Identify the *noun phrases* in the following sentences and state their syntactic functions (10 marks)
 - i) His wife failed her driving test.
 - ii) Shall we plant some roses –bushes in that corner?
 - iii) They gave their old colleague an encyclopedia.
 - iv) Will you call Mr. Juma a taxi?
 - v) Jimmy is the best student of his class.
- 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
 - iv) In those days it was thought indecent to kiss a girl in public.
 - v) It made him very sad to see his son in uniform.
 - vi) It is quite unnecessary for you to do that.

- c) Distinguish the **three** types of adverbial functions. Illustrate your answer. (10 marks)
2. A verb phrase exhibits a number of features that are not found in any other phrases. Explain **five** such features using sentential illustrations. (20 marks)
3. a) With sentential examples illustrate the **four** syntactic functions of prepositional phrases. (8 marks)
- b) Illustrate the grammatical devices of substitution and ellipsis. (12 marks)
4. Describe the following sentences in terms of phrases of which they are made of (20 marks)
- i) The moon rose
 - ii) Many students enjoyed the concert
 - iii) That problem seems easy
 - iv) He has two cars
 - v) Mary works in Machakos.
 - vi) She sings well
 - vii) The firm has offered Jim a job.
 - viii) Joan will make her husband very happy.
 - ix) This street reminds me of Paris
 - x) met the Joneses unexpectedly in New York last year.
5. a) Explain the difference between open and closed word classes. (4 marks)
- b) Identify the word class of the underlined words (16 marks)
- i) We had a good laugh over John's mistake.
Why do you laugh?
 - ii) I have my doubts about his honesty
I cannot doubt his honesty
 - iii) We decided to brave the storm.
It was very brave for you to go.
 - iv) *The Guardian* is a daily.
We all have to earn our daily bread.
This newspaper appear daily

v) I have not seen him since.

He has lived in London since war.

I have known Jim since he came to live here.

vi) He was knocked down the first round.

We have a round table in our dining room

When will you come round again?

The guard walked round the building.