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SCHOOL OF HUMANITIES AND SOCIAL SCIENCES

DEPARTMENT OF LINGUISTICS AND LANGUAGES

THIRD YEAR FIRST SEMESTER EXAMINATION FOR BACHELOR OF
EDUCATION

AEN 302: ENGLISH GRAMMAR AND USAGE

DATE: 29/5/2017

TIME: 2 HOURS

INSTRUCTIONS:

Answer Question One and Any Other to Questions

1.
 - a) Which linguistics area deals with internal structure of words? (1 mark)
 - b) Define “CASE” in English (5 marks)
 - c) Differentiate the following:
 - i. A preposition and a prepositional phrase (4 marks)
 - ii. An adverb and an adjective (2 marks)
 - iii. A coordinating conjunction and a subordinating conjunction (2 marks)
 - iv. A premodification and a postmodification in a noun phrase (2 marks)
 - d) What is concord in grammar? (3 marks)
 - e) Explain the difference between adverbial adjuncts and disjuncts. (5 marks)
 - f) Name and give examples of the three concepts of the article system (3 marks)
 - g) Using one example, explain what an auxiliary verb is (3 marks)
2. Describe, using examples, the four salient features in finite verb usage. (20 marks)
3.
 - a) Using examples, identify and explain five qualities of adjectives (15 marks)
 - b) Explain how you can tell that a word is functioning as a preposition in a sentence. (5 marks)
4. Discuss five functions of the constituents of a sentence (20 marks)
5.
 - a) Using examples, describe three categories on transitive verbs (12 marks)
 - b) Explain how form and function complement each other in a sentence (8 marks)