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DEPARTMENT OF LINGUISTICS AND LANGUAGES

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BACHELOR OF EDUCATION (ARTS)

BACHELOR OF ARTS

AEN 201: DESCRIPTION OF MODERN ENGLISH

DATE: 10/12/2019

TIME: 8.30-10.30 AM

INSTRUCTIONS: ANSWER QUESTION ONE AND ANY OTHER TWO QUESTIONS

QUESTION ONE (30 MARKS)

Sentences can be described in term of phrases of which they are made up. Name the phrase that made up the following sentences. (30 marks)

- a) The moon rose
- b) Many students enjoyed the concert
- c) That problem seems easy.
- d) He has two cars.
- e) Mary works in Machakos.
- f) She sings well.
- g) The firm has offered Jim a Job
- h) John left his wife last week.
- i) Joan will make her husband very happy.
- j) This street reminds me of Kisumu.
- k) My boss has bought his daughter a flat.
- l) We met the Joneses unexpectedly in New York last year.

QUESTION TWO (20 MARKS)

- a) Name the phrase underlined in each sentence below and indicate its function in the sentence.
- The nurse gave the starving children some food.
 - They watched the men excavating gemstones.
 - Maasai women wear beads round their necks.
 - Sleek looking goats roamed the streets.
 - The dog with big ears belongs to my brother. (10 marks)
- b) “Nearly all phrases have at least two internal structures and two functions.” Use examples to qualify this statement. (10 marks)

QUESTION THREE (20 MARKS)

- a) With illustrations describe sentences from: (10 marks)
- Their structural forms.
 - Their functional forms
- b) With suitable examples, discuss four major differences between primary and modal auxiliaries. (10 marks)

QUESTION FOUR (20 MARKS)

A verb phrase exhibits a number of features that are not found in any other phrases. Explain **five** such features using sentential illustrations

QUESTION FIVE (20 MARKS)

- a) Illustrate the grammatical devices of substitution and ellipsis (12 marks)
- b) Clearly distinguish between a Subject, Subject complement, object, object complement, predicate and predicate complement and an object as elements of sentence structure. Illustrate your answer with at least four examples. (8 marks)