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BACHELOR OF EDUCATION (ARTS)

BACHELOR OF ARTS

AEN 101: INTRODUCTION TO GRAMMAR OF ENGLISH

DATE: 6/12/2019

TIME: 8.30-10.30 AM

INSTRUCTIONS: ANSWER QUESTION ONE AND ANY OTHER TWO QUESTIONS

QUESTION ONE (30 MARKS)

- a) Using examples, explain the main differences between open and closed word classes. (4 marks)
- b) Write the word classes of the underlined words : (11 marks)
- Come round to see us.
 - All fighting stopped immediately
 - Hey! Who told you to do that?
 - I'm terribly sorry I took yours.
- c) Construct five sentences using a preposition and underline the preposition. (10 marks)
- d) With three sentences of your choice illustrate prepositional phrases. (5 marks)

QUESTION TWO (20 MARKS)

- a) Identify the adjective in each of the following sentences and state if it is used attributively or predicatively. (10 marks)
- The lion is a very fierce animal
 - The ground was quite soft.
 - They found the man alive.

- iv. My sister arrived the previous evening.
- v. His answer seemed reasonable enough.
- b) Identify the conjunction in each of the following sentences and indicate whether it is coordinating, subordinating, correlative or a conjunctive adverb.
 - i. No one could explain how the figure was arrived at.
 - ii. Both Jerome and Lydia ran in the marathon.
 - iii. Do you want to ride or to swim?
 - iv. When the students arrive, bring them to the offices.
 - v. We gave him plenty of soda; still, he asked for cold water. (10 marks)
- c) Illustrate the functions of derivational and inflectional morphemes. (20 marks)

QUESTION THREE (20 MARKS)

- a) Add a noun-forming suffix to each of the following words and construct a sentence using the already formed word (14 marks)
 - i. Heavy
 - ii. Innocent
 - iii. Humid
 - iv. Address
 - v. Weigh
 - vi. Happy
 - vii. Heal

QUESTION FOUR (20 MARKS)

- a) Distinguish each of the following types of English verbs. Give examples to support your answer. (12 marks)
 - i. Action verbs
 - ii. Linking verbs
 - iii. Auxiliary verbs
- b) Write two sentences to exemplify the following sentence types. (8 marks)
 - i. A simple sentence
 - ii. A compound sentence
 - iii. A complex sentence
 - iv. A compound-complex sentence.

QUESTION FIVE (20 MARKS)

With sentential illustrations discuss the inflectional and derivational endings of:

- a) Verbs
- b) Nouns
- c) Adjectives
- d) Adverbs