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EDUCATION

AEN 101: INTRODUCTION TO GRAMMAR OF ENGLISH

DATE: 13/12/2017

TIME: 11.00-1.00 PM

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## INSTRUCTIONS

Answer Question One and Any Other Two Questions

### QUESTION ONE (COMPULSORY) (30MARKS)

- a) Briefly explain the concept of 'parts of speech'. (3 marks)
- b) State the part of speech the underlined words belong to in the sentences below. (8 marks)
- Writing is not an easy task.
  - The old man told us that while he was in prison he was always writing poems.
  - In a while, we shall know the truth.
  - The girls were cooking while the boys were playing football by the roadside.
  - Collins like sports.
  - Sarah is the university's sports captain.
  - The movie is over.
  - Kevin passed the book over my head.
- c) One special characteristic of Primary Auxiliary verbs is their ability to serve as a main Verb and as an Auxiliary Verb. Support this statement with illustrations using THREE different Primary Verbs. (9 marks)

- d) Assign the following phrases their appropriate phrasal categories: NP, VP, AP, PP, and Adv. P. (5 marks)
- i. towards the gate
  - ii. extremely passionate
  - iii. an experienced politician
  - iv. had been displayed
  - v. rather carelessly
- e) Using each of the phrases in (d) above only once, write sentences of your own and underline the said phrase. (5 marks)

## QUESTION TWO

With clear examples, explain the difference between the following grammatical functions.

- a) Tense and aspect
- b) Subject complement and object complement
- c) Demonstrative pronoun and intensive pronoun
- d) Coordinating conjunctions and correlative conjunctions
- e) Independent clause and dependent clause (20 marks)

## QUESTION THREE

- a) With examples, state five functions of the Noun Phrase. (10 marks)
- b) With clear examples, explain five uses of the subordinating conjunction. (10 marks)

## QUESTION FOUR

With appropriate examples, explain each of the following types of sentences. (20 marks)

- a) Imperatives
- b) Declaratives
- c) Interrogatives
- d) Complex sentences
- e) Compound-complex sentences

## QUESTION FIVE

- a) Construct a sentence for with the following grammatical structures. (12 marks)
  - i. an understood subject

- ii. a relative clause
  - iii. a possessive pronoun
  - iv. an adverb of degree
  - v. a two-word preposition
  - vi. the modal auxiliary 'could'
- b) With clear illustrations briefly explain the following grammatical concepts in relation to verbs. (8 marks)
- i. Mood
  - ii. Number