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AEN 101: INTRODUCTION TO GRAMMAR OF ENGLISH

DATE: SCHOOLBASED

TIME:

INSTRUCTIONS

Answer questions **ONE** and any **TWO** other questions.

1. a) Read the passage below and identify the word class/part of speech of each underlined word.

That is my friend over there. She loves to debate and navigates her way through a discussion the way a chess player plans his moves. She moves from one point to another with admirable ease. For her, it is more than just being right, it is being able to completely overwhelm the person she is talking to with a towering wall of logic so exquisitely presented that the only thing that could be offered in response is an awestruck silence. Of course, in order to arrive at such an outcome, the conversation drags on and on and sometimes it drives me out of my mind.

Now, my friend and I have had some great conversations. But she is always on the prowl for a lengthy debate. You can therefore understand why I still remember her reply when I recently asked why she is a Christian. It was two words : “It works.”

(Adapted from Life Answers : Summer 2007)

(20 marks)

- b) Showing any **three** of its functions in the sentence describe the modal verb (10 marks)
2. Using illustrations show the distinction between. (20 marks)
- i) Predicative and attribution adjectives
 - ii) Open and closed word classes
 - iii) Interrogative and relative pronouns
 - iv) Coordinating and subordinating conjunctions
 - v) Finite and non-finite verbs.
3. Explain the following with examples. (20 marks)
- i) Linking verb
 - ii) Exclamatory sentence
 - iii) Correlative conjunction
 - iv) Indirect object
 - v) Abstract noun
 - vi) Subject
 - vii) Personal pronoun affix
 - viii) Affix
 - ix) Complement
 - x) Compound sentence
4. a) Write sentences with the following phrases. Identify and label them. (10 marks)
- i) AdvP NP VP NP
 - ii) NP VP NP
 - iii) NPVP AdjP NP AdvP
 - iv) AdvP NPV PPP

v) NPVP

b) With two clear sentential examples for each explain the following functions of AdvP (10 marks)

i) Adverbial of manner

ii) Adverbial of place

iii) Adverbial of time

iv) Adverb of frequency

v) Adverb of attitude

5. a) What is a morpheme? (2 marks)

b) Briefly explain each of the following morphological categories giving clear sentential examples.

i) Aspect (6 marks)

ii) Voice (6 marks)

iii) Person (6 marks)