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DEPARTMENT OF LINGUISTICS AND LANGUAGES

THIRD YEAR SECOND SEMESTER EXAMINATION FOR BACHELOR OF
EDUCATION

AEN: 302 ENGLISH GRAMMAR AND USAGE

DATE: 11/12/2017

TIME: 8.30-10.30 AM

INSTRUCTIONS

Answer Question One and Any Other Two Questions

1. a) Identify the noun phrases in the following sentences and state their structure.
 - i. Students will be students
 - ii. The poor should not be neglected.
 - iii. I wrote another black book.
 - iv. The renewal of her contract was delayed.
 - v. The right person to see is the principal.
 - vi. All those beautiful manuscripts in the library of the college. (16 marks)
- b) Use the NP '*The student*' as: (14 marks)
 - i. Subject
 - ii. Direct object
 - iii. Object complement
 - iv. Adverbial
 - v. Indirect object
 - vi. Subject complement
 - vii. Prepositional complement

2. a) Identify the adjective phrases in the following sentences state their syntactic functions and their structure (12 marks)
- i. He is becoming a bit too big for his book.
 - ii. We'd like the sheets a little cleaner.
 - iii. It was quite unnecessary for you to do that.
 - iv. It made him very sad to see his son in uniform
- b) Identify the adverb phrases in the following sentences; state their syntactic functions and their structure. (6 marks)
- i. The movie was highly interesting
 - ii. He is quite exceptionally clever.
 - iii. It was an away game.
3. Using sentential examples illustrate **four** *usage of determiners* (20 marks)
4. Using sentential illustrations explain **five** ways how auxiliary verbs are used o complete the meaning of lexical verbs. (20 marks)
5. Identify all the verb phrases in the sentences below and name them as finite/non finite. Name the non finite verb. (20 marks)
- i. The committee will have the issue discussed.
 - ii. It will be best for you if you tell everyone.
 - iii. I saw him come up with the street.
 - iv. Men having broad shoulders are exciting.
 - v. The lectures being finished we went to the hostel.
 - vi. Seeing him groan in pain was pathetic.
 - vii. As the lecture was finished, we went home.
 - viii. A committee discussed the issue yesterday.