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**FINAL EXAMINATION PAPER**

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**SUPPLEMENTARY**

**TITLE OF PAPER: A SURVEY OF ENGLISH GRAMMAR**

**COURSE CODE: ENG 101**

**TIME ALLOWED: TWO HOURS**

- INSTRUCTIONS:**
- 1. ANSWER QUESTION ONE (1) AND ANY OTHER ONE.**
  - 2. CREDIT WILL BE GIVEN FOR GOOD ENGLISH. ORDERLY PRESENTATION AND ORIGINAL EXAMPLES.**

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### QUESTION 1 (COMPULSORY)

1. a. Using practical examples, explain the following concepts fully:

- i. prescriptive grammar
- ii. descriptive grammar
- iii. phrase structure grammar
- iv. the constituent structure
- v. the linearity principle

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Parse the following sentences using tree diagrams:

- i. The union will eventually be recognised.
- ii. She asked for a cold drink from the waiter.
- iii. The school where he teaches has been upgraded.
- iv. The saleslady is very treacherous.
- v. After the heavy rainfall we slept comfortably.

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2. (a) Change the following sentences from the Active Voice to the Passive Voice.

e.g. Active Voice: I shall send it tomorrow.

Passive Voice: It will be sent tomorrow.

- i. She gave a parcel to the boy.
- ii. The old man wears a warm coat.
- iii. Our master will pay us next week.
- iv. Vuyo will repair the alternator today.
- v. The managing director will dismiss the workers next week.

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- (b) Change the following sentences into declaratives:

- i. Do you know where she lives?
- ii. What are the students demanding?

- (c) Change the following sentence into an imperative one.

- iii. Could you please open the door?

- (d) Change the following into exclamatives.

- iv. The dress she is wearing is a gorgeous one.
- v. This is a very delicious cake.

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3. State whether the following sentences are **grammatical, ungrammatical, acceptable or unacceptable** in standard English and write out the correct sentence.

e.g. Zodwa was made the baby cry. Ungrammatical and unacceptable.

Correct sentence: Zodwa made the baby to cry.

Now state the **grammaticality, acceptability or unacceptability** of the following:

- i. The First World War broke in 1914.
- ii. I am attending at ten o'clock.
- iii. He donated the Students Union some money.
- iv. Khanyile walked the mountain up.
- v. Members of staff discussed about Sipho's shameful behaviour.

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4. Adjectives and adverbs are not definitional, (i.e. they are not easy to understand in isolation). Support this statement using the morphological classification of the two word classes.

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