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COURSE TITLE: GRAMMAR 11: PHRASES AND CLAUSES

COURSE CODE: ENG 201

TIME: 2 HOURS

TOTAL MARKS: 50 MARKS

INSTRUCTIONS

ANSWER *TWO* QUESTIONS IN ALL.

QUESTION 1 IS COMPULSORY.

ANSWER QUESTION 1, AND ONE OTHER QUESTION.

***THIS PAPER SHOULD BE OPENED FOLLOWING INSTRUCTIONS TO DO SO
BY THE INVIGILATOR***

QUESTION 1

1(a) Using illustrative examples to explain what each of the following phrases are, stating also the distinctive function that each has in a sentence

- i) noun phrase
 - ii) prepositional phrase
 - iii) adjective phrase
 - iv) adverb phrase
 - v) gerund phrase
- (10)

1 (b)

Which of the following sentences is not a fragment sentence

1.

- A. Mrs. Blanco gone to visit her mother at the hospital.
- B. Finding a parking space there is usually easy during the week.
- C. Driving in the city during the evening rush hour.

2.

- A. To apply for a job at the new store in the mall.
- B. Asking the interviewer how often he would have to work on weekends.
- C. Shaking his new boss's hand, Tony knew he would like working there.

3.

- A. By the time Frances found out how expensive the wallpapering job would be.
- B. After getting estimates from five contractors, she decided to do the work herself.
- C. Before picking out an interesting wallpaper pattern that went well with her furniture.

4.

- A. Who borrowed Stefanie's car Saturday night.
- B. The nineteen-year-old car looked out of place next to the new models.
- C. Which the salesman was surprised to find in such good shape.

5.

- A. While waiting for her neighbor to move the car that blocked the driveway.
- B. To avoid hitting the other car, Michael had to back across the corner of the lawn.
- C. By making sure that no one will park across the driveway again.

- 6.
- A. Because Manuel was sure he had heard the same strange story many months ago.
 - B. Although I will never forget how cold we were when we lost our heat last winter.
 - C. Since Anna wasn't at the meeting, I took notes so that she wouldn't miss anything.

7.

- A. When my cousin moved to Troy, New York, after he finished school.
- B. After he went to all the trouble of fixing up his apartment.
- C. While living there, he made very few friends.

8.

- A. My brother has been running a charter fishing boat for five years.
- B. Many of his customers coming back three or four times over the summer.
- C. His business been so busy that he has very little time for anything else.

9.

- A. In the hiding place that Carl had been using for years to get away from the noisy house.
- B. By the time that everyone had quieted down, my favorite television show was over.
- C. Before planning another family get-together at the already crowded park.

10.

- A. Although I knew she might wear something outrageous, I was still shocked by her dress.
- B. Because she didn't want to tell where she had bought the strange outfit.
- C. When we finally heard that she had made the dress herself (10)

1 (c)

1. Identify the SUBJECT and the PREDICATE in each of the following sentences: (3 mks)

Yesterday after school they told me a great story.

Subject _____ Predicate

The student who asked me a lot of questions seems interested in linguistics.

Subject _____ Predicate

The fact that he was not there proves his innocence.

Subject _____ Predicate

2. Draw the phrase structure tree of the following sentence: (3 mks)

Our aunt is cooking dinner.

3. For each of the following phrases, say whether it is a Noun phrase (NP), a Verb phrase (VP), a

Prepositional phrase (PP), or an Adjective phrase (AdjP): (4 mks)

outside the classroom _____ their incredibly smart dog _____

sold her big house _____ envious of her pretty sister _____

QUESTION 2

(20)

1. In the sentence "John likes exercising at the YMCA," the underlined word is correctly

classified as which of the following?

- A. participle
- B. gerund
- C. main verb
- D. infinitive
- E. auxiliary verb

2. In the sentence "Waiting for the late bus, I decided finally to learn how to drive," the underlined word is correctly classified as which of the following?

- A. participle
- B. gerund
- C. main verb
- D. infinitive
- E. auxiliary verb

3. In the sentence "He was eager to leave for vacation," which of the following is true?

- A. A participle serves as an adverb.
- B. An infinitive serves as an adjective.
- C. An infinitive serves as a direct object.
- D. A participle serves as an adjective.
- E. An infinitive serves as an adverb.

4. In the sentence "I hope to vacation in Canada next year," which of the following is true?

- A. A participle serves as an adverb.
- B. An infinitive serves as an adverb.
- C. An infinitive serves as a direct object.
- D. A participle serves as an indirect object.
- E. An infinitive serves as an indirect object.

5. What is true of the following example?

"She reads the journals to watch professional trends."

- A. It contains a participial phrase functioning as an adjective.
- B. It contains a prepositional phrase functioning as an adjective.
- C. It contains a prepositional phrase functioning as an adverb.
- D. It contains an infinitive phrase functioning as an adverb.
- E. It contains an infinitive phrase functioning as an adjective.

6. Which of the following sentences is prescriptively correct?
- A. I appreciate your taking the time to talk with me.
 - B. I appreciate you taking the time to talk with me.
 - C. Both of the above
 - D. Neither of the above
7. In the sentence "John, who was hired to deal with such problems, was intending to work on the project today," the underlined element is correctly classified as which of the following?
- A. A clause
 - B. A phrase
 - C. Both of the above
 - D. Neither of the above
8. In the sentence "Mary, the latest person to be hired, will probably be the first person to be fired," the underlined element is correctly classified as which of the following?
- A. A prepositional phrase
 - B. A participial phrase
 - C. An appositive phrase
 - D. All of the above
 - E. None of the above
9. In the sentence "My father, refusing to believe that someone had stolen his truck from our driveway, rushed out the front door to check for himself," the underlined element is correctly classified as which of the following?
- A. A prepositional phrase
 - B. A participial phrase
 - C. An appositive phrase
 - D. All of the above
 - E. None of the above
10. In the sentence "The boy on the bicycle rode through my wife's garden," which of the following is true?
- A. A prepositional phrase functions adjectivally.
 - B. A prepositional phrase functions adverbially
 - C. Both of the above
 - D. Neither of the above

QUESTION 3

a) Apply one of the other constituency tests to the same sentence. Question and answer test, conjoinability test or proform test. Use each test once. Say whether the sequence constituent. (16)

1. [The tragedy] upset the entire family.
2. They hid [in the cave].
3. The [computer was very] expensive
4. [The town square and the civic building] will be rebuilt.
5. Jane [left town].
6. Spider-man's [cousin could never defeat] Magneto.
7. I love [peanut butter and bacon sandwiches], but not salad
8. Steve looked [up the number] in the book.

b) Draw tree structures for the first two sentences. (4)