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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, 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

Which of the options best describes the underlined sections in each of the sentences?

The girl who moved into the apartment next door plays her music too loudly.

a) dependent clause   b) independent clause   c) prepositional phrase   d) non-restrictive clause

2) The coin that we found on the beach is quite old.

a) non-restrictive clause   b) participial phrase   c) restrictive clause   d) appositive phrase

3) While the team was celebrating, the coach was speaking with the media.

a) participial phrase   b) dependent clause   c) non-restrictive clause   d) independent clause

4) A person dedicated to profit above people may harm the environment.

a) restrictive clause   b) dependent clause   c) gerund phrase   d) participial phrase

5) Her Gremlin, which many consider too ugly to drive, is her pride and joy.

a) restrictive clause   b) prepositional phrase   c) non-restrictive clause   d) gerund phrase

6) He argues that to restrict entry is discriminatory.

a) participial phrase   b) dependent clause   c) prepositional phrase   d) infinitive phrase

7) She prefers counting dollar bills when she sleeps rather than sheep.

a) participial phrase   b) non-restrictive clause   c) gerund phrase   d) independent clause

8) Her sister Alice, who irritates most people she meets, is very sensitive.

a) dependent clause   b) independent clause   c) restrictive clause   d) prepositional phrase

9) Running for the endzone, the fullback tripped.

a) gerund phrase   b) dependent clause   c) participial phrase   d) restrictive clause

10) Look for the money in the tree that is exactly one mile from the park bench.

a) non-restrictive clause   b) restrictive clause   c) prepositional phrase   d) gerund phrase

11) She hopes to finish the project that she started this past year.

a) gerund phrase   b) independent clause   c) restrictive clause   d) non-restrictive clause

- 12) Before answering the question, Bernard considered all of the options.  
a) non-restrictive clause   b) participial phrase   c) restrictive clause   d) gerund phrase
- 13) They went to the opera last week, but, Sally hated every minute of it.  
a) participial phrase   b) independent clause   c) non-restrictive clause   d) dependent clause
- 14) Determined to win the election, the candidate appeared in hundreds of cities.  
a) restrictive clause   b) dependent clause   c) gerund phrase   d) participial phrase
- 15) We'll show you the plan to build the library, the politician promised.  
a) restrictive clause   b) prepositional phrase   c) infinitive phrase   d) gerund phrase
- 16) When she gave her speech, Nancy trembled in fright.  
a) participial phrase   b) dependent clause   c) prepositional phrase   d) independent clause
- 17) Last week Kate met Elton John, who is on his farewell tour.  
a) participial phrase   b) gerund phrase   c) non-restrictive clause   d) independent clause
- 18) The dog that won the blue ribbon was stolen from the kennel.  
a) non-restrictive clause   b) independent clause   c) prepositional phrase   d) restrictive clause
- 19) Tom Hanks, star of "Cast Away", has one more than few awards.  
a) appositive phrase   b) dependent clause   c) participial phrase   d) infinitive phrase
- 20) He discovered the treasure by following the pirate through the jungle.  
a) non-restrictive clause   b) restrictive clause   c) prepositional phrase   d) gerund phrase

### QUESTION 3

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