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COURSE TITLE: ENGLISH GRAMMAR 111- CLAUSE COMBINING
AND TEXT CREATION

COURSE CODE: ENG 301

TIME ALLOWED: TWO (2) HOURS

INSTRUCTIONS : ANSWER THREE (3) OUT OF SIX (6) QUESTIONS
IN THIS PAPER

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QUESTION 1

Sentence typology can be classified into structural and functional. Define these two types and, with examples, illustrate their different functions in the English sentence.

[20 marks]

QUESTION 2

Pattern the clause elements in the following sentences after you have distinguished and defined the different clause elements in the English sentence.

- a) The farmer drinks beer by the bucketful.
- b) Mary is very happy.
- c) The teacher gave the boy a stroke.
- d) Paul stayed quietly at home all day.
- e) The path goes round the field.
- f) The student put the book on the table.
- g) The girl got her shoes wet.
- h) A young woman worker suffered severe critical shock in the office.
- i) The incident left the wife badly shaken.
- j) The wounded man was taken to hospital.

[20 marks]

QUESTION 3

Underline the linking words you can identify as holding the paragraph together to give it linguistic cohesion.

The area between the Tropic of cancer and the Tropic of Capricorn is known as the tropics. It is the hottest part of the earth, and heavy rains often fall there. Some parts of the tropics are covered with grasslands, while dense forests grow in others. Plants, which sometimes have bright flowers, grow in these forests, and many animals, insects and birds live there too.

[20:2 marks for each correct word underlined]

QUESTION 4

Correct the following sentences after pointing out or identifying the nature of the error in sentence/clause combining.

- a) Men will fight for food, for self respect and ideas.
- b) Either he is smart or lucky
- c) I saw a play about the Napoleonic wars and which I enjoyed very much.
- d) I was told to apply for the job and that I should enclose reference.
- e) Walking down the street, a car splashed me.
- f) To become a skilful writer, dangling infinitives must be avoided.
- g) Mountain climbing and to explore caves are his hobbies.
- h) Being a sunny day, we went out to bask in the sun.
- i) When the rains came. The soil did not wash away.
- j) I told him, that he was wrong.

[20marks]

QUESTION 5

Carefully examine the text below.

The rat has many enemies and its greatest enemy is man. Nevertheless, rats are survivors. Although man has waged an unending war against them, rats have methodically and systematically colonized the world. In almost every country, from the freezing cold of the Arctic regions to the enervating heat of the tropics, rats are to be found, thriving, increasing and multiplying.

Apart from their ability to adapt themselves to varying climatic conditions, rats possess another quality that gives them an advantage in extending their boundaries. More so than most other animals, including snakes, scorpions and spiders, they induce fear. Why should this be so? Certainly

they carry disease and man is slow to forget the Black Plague, carried by rats, that killed off more than one third of the earth's population in the fourteenth century. Also, rats have been known to bite babies in their cots, but the number of such attacks is very much exaggerated. One reads of the danger of being attacked by 'a cornered rat' but this belongs to fiction; rats do not go for your throat, as many would have us believe. Furthermore, it is difficult to believe that the rat's appearance can be a source of fear; the common black or brown rat can hardly be regarded as a hideous creature while its cousin, the acacia rat, is quite pretty and gentle.

How has the author been able to achieve cohesion and coherence in the text above?

With the aid of examples from the text, discuss the linking devices used to create coherence between sentences, ideas, paragraphs and the whole text.

QUESTION 6

Diagram the relations that exist between the clauses in the following sentences.

- a) Joan went to the market and bought some material.**
- b) Ever since she left for her studies in the UK, she has not written to us.**
- c) Whenever you are available, please contact me.**
- d) Subordination is a grammatical device used to link clauses of unequal grammatical status.**
- e) She missed the earliest bus, but continued with her journey to South Africa despite the fact that it was late.**
- f) Unless she disciplines her children, they will be trouble in future.**
- g) The 1973 decree, which has been criticised, is part of our legal system.**
- h) Drinking hot spirits is what he enjoys the most.**
- i) His new personal trainer, whose name is Adrian, thinks Charlie maybe a lost cause.**
- j) As if to remind him of the good old days they had together, his wife took him out for dinner at the Las Cabañas restaurant.**