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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) QUESTIONS OUT OF THE SIX
QUESTIONS ON THIS PAPER

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QUESTION 1

a) Define ellipsis in clause combination and demonstrate it at work in the following text.

A: Where are you going?

B: To the shops.

A: Why?

B: To buy some bread.

A: Is your wife going with you?

[10 marks]

b) With examples, define and illustrate these terms:

i) Anaphoric use of pronouns

ii) Cataphoric use

[10 marks]

QUESTION 2

Identify the following as simple, compound, complex and compound complex sentences.

a) When he handed in his assignment, he forgot to give the teacher his ID number.

b) My friend tried to speak French, and I tried to reply in English.

c) The students are studying very hard because they have a test to pass.

d) The majority of girl students like to study in the mornings.

e) Peter and Alice go to the library to study everyday.

[20 marks]

QUESTION 3

Identify the following clauses in the sentences below: Noun/nominal, adjective, adverb and participial.

- a) He does not know the reason why Moses was buried.
- b) I shall come if the weather keeps fine.
- c) A man such as I am should own his faults.
- d) She ran so fast that she was out of breath.
- e) Having finished the work, they went home.
- f) Fools rush in where angels fear to tread.
- g) As they were tired, they went to bed.
- h) All is not gold that glitters.
- i) The passengers who didn't have tickets were fined.
- j) I will shout if I need you.

[20 marks]

QUESTION 4

Identify the errors in clause combination in the following sentences, then go on to rewrite the sentences.

- 1) When the furnace exploded and set fire to the house, destroying it completely, we were watching television.
- 2) Alex fell. Causing him to break his ankle. We carried him to the office of Dr. Simelane. Who is a good doctor. And does not charge high fees.
- 3) Men want what other men want. Men want to keep what they have. Men will fight for what they want. Men fight in wars.
- 4) The council voted that salaries be raised, to install three sheet lights, and have garbage collected twice a week.
- 5) The sheep grazing hungrily, are in the meadows, the cows are eating stalks in the cornfield.

[20 marks]

QUESTION 5

Examine the text below

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- A major problem in the world today is oil pollution of the oceans. When a big oil spill occurs out at sea, the immediate problem is to treat it quickly before it spreads and drifts far. Slicks are attacked chemically by spraying them with detergent chemicals. The effect is to emulsify the oil, that is, to break it up into tiny globules. These globules are then attacked by the bacteria which are always present in the sea, and the oil is literally digested.
- Such huge quantities of detergent are required for large oil slicks that the spraying ship sometimes runs out of detergent before the whole slick has been treated. While another supply of detergent is being obtained, precious time can be lost. The chances of dealing effectively with the problem may be considerably reduced and, without doubt, the already high costs of the manoeuvre are increased.
- A new detergent called 'SYNPERONIC OSD20' claims to be a great improvement on earlier kinds. It is said to be twelve to sixteen times as effective as its predecessors. It is economical, too, say the manufacturers. Although it is more expensive per litre than the old detergent, its greater effectiveness makes it much cheaper in terms of the cost of treating a given area of oily water.
- This may do little to allay the fears of the conservationists. They say detergents cause more damage to plants and animals than the oil does. While they agree that the process speeds up the dispersal of the oil, they argue that bacteria would eventually do the same thing without the hazards introduced by detergents. Perhaps the final claim for this new product will satisfy the conservationists. Laboratory tests have pronounced it safe to marine animals.
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To what extent has the author been able to achieve cohesion and coherence between sentences, ideas, paragraphs and the whole text? With the aid of examples from the given text, discuss the different linking devices used in text creation. [20 marks]

QUESTION 6

Divide each of the following sentences below into their constituent parts and label each part as S (subject), V (verb), C (complement), O (object), Á (adverb) or Adj (adjective)

- a) Full scale computers have a large number of programmes.
- b) We must change all the programmes tomorrow.
- c) Tomorrow will be a holiday here.
- d) These bookshelves are becoming very popular in Sweden.
- e) We have recently added an extra unit to them.
- f) Will you give it a try?
- g) On July 27, DDT was sprayed on the marsh from a helicopter.
- h) We all read too many books too quickly.
- i) They have made him their son-in-law despite his objection.
- j) He found his mother-in-law greedy.

[20 marks]