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COURSE CODE: ENG 201

DURATION: TWO(2) HOURS

INSTRUCTION: ANSWER ALL QUESTIONS

TOTAL MARKS - 60

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QUESTION 1

With the aid of examples from English, discuss in detail the major differences and similarities between adverb and adjective phrases. [25 marks]

QUESTION 2

Identify the nature and state the syntactic function of each of the underlined phrases and clauses.

- i) Learning a sport while young helps a lot
- ii) The architect died when the canal was opened
- iii) When the roof fell on them, Zandile believed that nobody would survive.
- iv) She practised daily because she wanted to become a champion.
- v) To tell lies about anyone is a very bad habit.
- vi) The Colorado river flows through the gorge.
- vii) The fields which were vivid green, contained many crops.
- viii) My motto is to excel in whatever I do.
- ix) That I was granted such a generous scholarship is hard to believe.
- x) The computer helps translate her thoughts.
- xi) Many birds in the united states migrate to distant sites.
- xii) She dressed in a warm exercise suit, as professional skaters do.
- xiii) We hiked through the valley that the farmers had cultivated.
- xiv) How the committee will perform will solely depend on its members.
- xv) The point is not who can do it but who can agree.

[16marks]

QUESTION 3

Read the following passages.

- a) The great fire of London occurred in 1666. It started in a bakery in Pudding Lane, near London Bridge. It burnt furiously, and in four days it destroyed four-fifths of the city. It left about 100 000 people homeless. Samuel Pepys, the diarist, saw the fire from his home and has given us a vivid account of it.
- b) London's Big Ben, by the river Thames, has become famous throughout the world. It is not a clock, as many people think, but a huge bell inside the clock-tower. The government awarded the contract for making it to Frederick Dent. In 1858, the bell was finished, and members suddenly decided to christen it Big Ben after Sir Benjamin Hall, one of their colleagues who was growing very stout and who had just made a long and witty speech.

Using only the information contained in the passages above, form one sentence on each of the following structural patterns:

- i) S+V stat. int+Cs+Atime
- ii) S+Vstat.int+Aplace+Aplace
- iii) S+Vstat.trans+Od+Aplace
- iv) S+Vdyn.int+Cs+Aplace or time
- v) S+Vdyn.trans+Od+Atime
- vi) S+Vdyn.ditrans+Oi+Od
- vii) S+Vdyn.trans.+Od+Co
- viii) Atime+Vdyn.intrans+A

[8marks]

Key: S – subject, V- verb (stative, dynamic, intransitive, transitive, ditransitive),
O-object, C-complement, A-Adverb

QUESTION 4

- a) Briefly explain what we mean by a sentence fragment. (2marks)

- b) Rewrite the following paragraph correcting all sentence fragments.(8marks)

She had not known how lonely it would be. Setting off like this. On her own. Her thoughts were full of fear. Not hope. As she closed the wooden gate. Of the place that had been her prison. She marveled at her sadness. Surely. It was just the leave taking. Causing these fears. She had saved. For years. And she had worked so hard. But she had done it. All by herself. She turned toward the open road. Her heart lifted and she felt a song. Rising to her lips.

QUESTION 5

Indicate whether the elements underlined are

- a) S (subject) agentive
 - b) S instrument
 - c) S affected
 - d) S recipient
 - e) O (object) affected (theme)
 - f) O recipient (goal)
 - g) E (experiencer)
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- i) The cold killed the trees.
 - ii) The bell rang loudly
 - iii) I heard it ring too.
 - iv) These children hate their father
 - v) You've got brains.
 - vi) Use your brains. (6marks)