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SUPPLEMENTARY EXAMINATION

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- TITLE OF PAPER:** GRAMMAR 1: A SURVEY OF ENGLISH GRAMMAR
- COURSE CODE:** ENG 101
- TIME ALLOWED:** TWO (2) HOURS
- INSTRUCTIONS:**
- 1. THIS PAPER HAS FOUR QUESTIONS**
 - 2. QUESTION 1 IS COMPULSORY**
 - 3. CHOOSE THE SECOND QUESTION FROM QUESTION 2 TO 4**
 - 4. QUESTION 1 IS WORTH 40 MARKS, AND THE OTHER QUESTIONS ARE WORTH 20 MARKS.**
 - 5. PRESENTATIONS OF ANSWERS SHOULD FOLLOW LINGUISTIC CONVENTIONS WHERE APPROPRIATE.**
 - 6. GOOD LANGUAGE WILL ATTRACT CREDIT.**

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Question 1 (Compulsory)

- a) What is the distinction between the transformational generative grammar approach and the systemic functional grammar approach to the study of language?
(10 marks)
- b) Discuss in detail the feature of verbs known as 'mood'.
(10 marks)
- c) (1) Underline the verbs in each of the sentences below.
(2) Identify each tense used, then explain why it was used.

Example: *The students are taking a test.*

are taking > *present progressive tense;*
> *used to describe something that is happening at this moment*

- (i) She had eaten half her soup before she realized that it contained an ingredient that always makes her sick.
- (ii) I grew up in Alaska, but have lived in many other states and countries.

- (5 marks)
- d) List five characteristics of pronouns. Write one example for each

(5 marks)

- e) What do you understand by the following concepts:

- i) Regular and irregular nouns
ii) Regular and irregular verbs

(10 marks)

[40 marks]

Question 2

Discuss in detail the syntactic use of nouns in English. Your answer should be illustrated with relevant examples.

[20 marks]

Question 3

a) Verb tense formation:

List the past participle of the following verbs:

- i) eat
- ii) talk
- iii) think
- iv) put
- v) drink
- vi) write

(6 marks)

b) (i) Which helping verb is used to form the progressive tenses?

(ii) Which helping verb is used to form the perfect tenses?

(iii) Which helping verb is used to form the future tenses?

(6 marks)

c) Conjugate the following tenses for the verb **live**:

(i) Present perfect _____

(ii) Simple past _____

(iii) Past perfect progressive _____

(iv) Future progressive _____

(4 marks)

d) (i) Write one complex sentence that appropriately and correctly uses the past perfect tense of the verb **start** and the simple past tense of the verb **arrive**.

(ii) Write one complex sentence that appropriately and correctly uses the past progressive tense of the verb **work** and the simple past tense of the verb **ask**.

(4 marks)

[20 marks]

Question 4

Explain the following in detail. Use one example for each to illustrate your answer:

- i) Prepositional phrases (their formation and function) (5)
- ii) The Adverb (its use in the sentence) (5)
- iii) The use of interjections in text (5)
- iv) The use of punctuation marks with conjunctions. (5)

[20 marks]