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TITLE OF PAPER: **GRAMMAR II: PHRASES AND CLAUSES**

COURSE CODE : **ENG 201**

TIME ALLOWED: **TWO(2) HOURS**

INSTRUCTIONS :

- i) This paper consists of three questions.**
- ii) Answer all the questions in the set order.**
- iii) Each question is worth 20 marks.**
- iv) Good English will attract credit.**
- v) This paper consists of 5 pages, cover page included.**

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QUESTION 1

Read the passage below and do the tasks that follow.

King's challenge to UNISWA students

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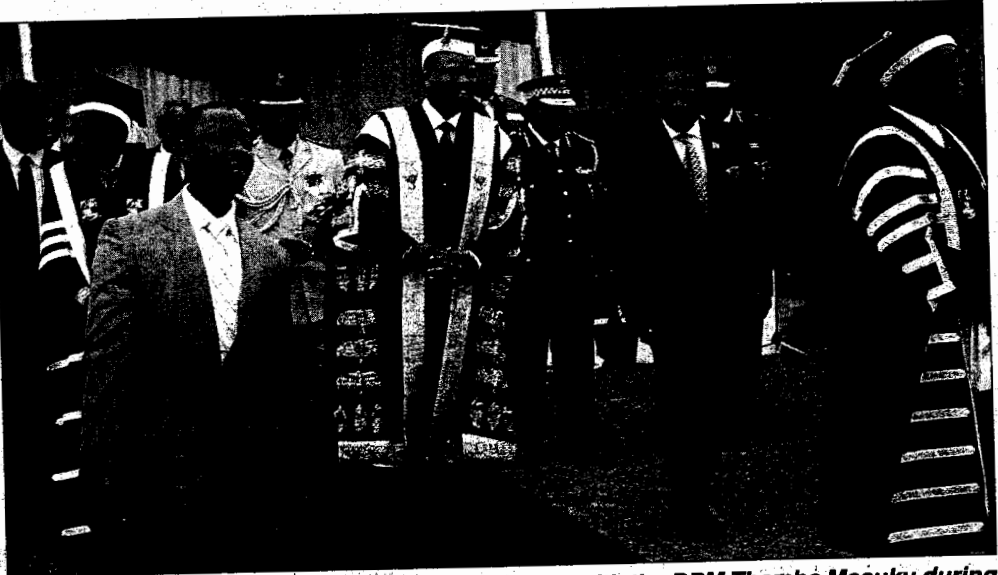
KWALUSENI — His Majesty King Mswati III has said he looks up to UNISWA graduands in order for the country to achieve first world status.

Speaking at the 30th Graduation Ceremony, the King said the students needed to concentrate particularly on studies that involved Information Communication and Technology (ICT).

The King said this would be achieved through research and encouraged the students and those remaining to concentrate on learning more in order for the country to attain first world status.

The King further said both public and private companies should also employ the graduands and use the skills which they had attained.

"I am pleased that so many courses are now being offered



His Majesty King Mswati III shares a light moment with the DPM Themba Masuku during the graduation ceremony.

in the country unlike previously where some people had to go and study outside the country," he said.

The King said as the university was expanding he hoped more courses would be

offered.

"We are leaving it to you to take the country forward, and we are grateful that you persevered even when things were tough in class," said the King.

The event was attended by over 5 000 people some of whom eventually had no place to sit. Surprisingly on the menu were prawns which the attendees thoroughly enjoyed.

- i) Identify 5 noun phrases in the passage above. (1/2 mark each)
- ii) Discuss the syntactic functions of the noun phrases identified in (i) (1 mark each)
- iii) Identify 5 adjective phrases in the passage. (1/2 mark)
- iv) Discuss their position in relation to noun phrases. (1 mark each)
- v) Identify 5 prepositional phrases in the passage above. (1/2 mark each)
- vi) Discuss the syntactic function of the preposition phrases identified in (v) (1/2 mark each)

(Total – 20 marks)

Noun phrases	NP's Syntactic function	Adjective phrases	Adj Phr Position in relation to NP	Prepositional phrases	PP Syntactic function	

QUESTION 2

Of the three sentences in each group, select the one that is **NOT** a sentence fragment and give the correct versions of the two that are fragments.

- i)
 - a) Mrs Bhembe gone to visit her mother at the hospital.
 - b) Finding parking space there is usually easy during the week.
 - c) Driving in the city during the evening rush hour.

- ii)
 - 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.

- iii)
 - a) By the time Frank 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 with the furniture.

- iv)
 - a) Who borrowed Stefani's car last Saturday?
 - b) The nineteen-year-old car looked out of place next to the new models.
 - c) Which the salesman was supposed to find in such good shape.

- v)
 - a) While waiting for her neighbour to move the car that blocked the driveway.
 - b) To avoid hitting the other car, Miles had to back across the corner of the lawn.
 - c) By making sure that no one will park across the driveway again.

- vi)
 - 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 Angela wasn't in the meeting, I took notes so that she wouldn't miss anything.
- vii) 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.
- viii) 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 had very little time for anything else.
- ix) 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 favourite TV show was over.
 - c) Before planning another family-get-together at the already crowded park.
- x) a) Although I knew she might wear something outrageous, I was still shocked by Lady Gaga's meat dress.
 - b) Because she didn't want to tell me where she had bought the strange outfit.
 - c) When we finally heard that she designed and sew it herself.

QUESTION 3

Write either a one page letter to the editor of a local newspaper on the topic S/He is one of a kind! or a news article on The Glitz and Glamour of the 2010 Graduation Ceremony.