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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 3 pages, cover page included.**

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QUESTION 1

Each of the sentences below consists of **at least one** dangling modifier. Rewrite each of the sentences placing the modifiers where they belong logically.

- 1) After our conversation lessons, we would understand the Spanish spoken by our visitors from Madrid easily.
- 2) Randy has nearly annoyed every professor he has had.
- 3) We almost ate all of the Thanksgiving turkey.
- 4) By accident, he poked the little girl with his finger in the eye,
- 5) After the wedding, Ian told us at his stag party that he would start behaving like a responsible adult.
- 6) I heard that my roommate intended to throw a surprise party for me while I was outside her bedroom window.
- 7) Defining your terms clearly strengthens your argument.
- 8) Although nearly finished, we left the play because we were worried about our sick cat.
- 9) Smashed flat by a passing truck, Smokey sniffed at what was left of a half-eaten hamburger.
- 10) Having been thrown in the air, the dog caught the stick.

QUESTION 2

With the aid of examples, discuss the three grammatical degrees of comparison of the adjective phrase.

QUESTION 3

State the nature and syntactic function of each of the underlined phrases/clauses in the sentences below

- 1) A rumour that he was being promoted to Vice President circulated among the staff.

- 2) Ashamed of his role in the escapade, Dr Chuck avoided reporters for six months.
- 3) That hide drive that you sold me is faulty.
- 4) Screeching her tyres and blasting her horn, Emelda took off in a cloud of dust.
- 5) They sat at a table in the shade outside the building.
- 6) Charles spent the entire afternoon running after his daughter.
- 7) Thisha's goal in life is to become an occupational therapist.
- 8) After the movie was finished, we decided to go out to eat at an Italian restaurant.
- 9) Their faces beaming happily, the two superstars signed autographs
- 10) This meeting too far boring for teenagers, should be ended as soon as possible.
- 11) The new recruits stood in one corner of the gym, their uniforms stiff and ill fitting, their faces betraying their anxiety.
- 12) Using the disguise of a matador, the tourist was able to sneak into the arena
- 13) Her plan to subsidize child care won wide acceptance among urban politicians
- 14) We never accepted the principle of living within our means.
- 15) To witness your graduation in October will be a dream come true.
- 16) To raise the level of consciousness regarding sexual harassment, management provided several workshops.
- 17) I am not interested in teaching Syntax to second year students for the rest of my academic career.
- 18) His major achievements collapsing around him, the executive officer resigned.
- 19) The pond frozen over since early July is now safe for swimming.
- 20) The Uconn basketball programme, one of the most successful in the country, continued to thrive in recent years.