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FIRST SEMESTER 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 (4) QUESTIONS.
  2. ANSWER **TWO** (2) QUESTIONS
  3. QUESTION **ONE** (1) IS COMPULSORY AND IS WORTH **40** MARKS.
  4. CHOOSE THE SECOND QUESTION FROM QUESTIONS 2 TO 4. THESE ARE WORTH **20** MARKS EACH.
  5. PROPER USE OF LANGUAGE AND LINGUISTIC CONVENTIONS ARE A REQUIREMENT.

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### Question 1 (Compulsory)

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- a) Discuss in detail the broad classification of words into classes in English: the open class items and the closed system items. Your discussion should provide relevant examples to illustrate your answer. (10 marks)
- b) What is the distinction between variable and invariable nouns in English? (10 marks)
- c) What is a Determiner? Give 4 grammatical structures that function as determiners in English. Write one example for each. (10 marks)
- d) State the class of each of the following words. Give a reason for your answer:
- i) Hot
  - ii) Hard
  - iii) Analyses
  - iv) However
  - v) Team
  - vi) Boys
  - vii) Accidental
  - viii) Manly
  - ix) Slowly
  - x) Courageous

(10 marks)

[40 marks]

### Question 2

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

[20 marks]

**Question 3**

What do you understand by the following?

- a) Finite and non-finite verbs (5)
- b) Regular and irregular verbs (5)
- c) Transitive and intransitive verbs (5)
- d) Tense and aspect (5)

Illustrate each with one example.

[20 marks]

**Question 4**

- a) Discuss two syntactic functions of adverb: the adjunct and disjunct.

Illustrate your answer with relevant examples.

(10 marks)

- b) State how coordinating conjunctions are used at word level, phrase level and clause level.

(10 marks)

[20 marks]