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COURSE CODE : ENG 201

DURATION : TWO HOURS

INSTRUCTION : ANSWER ALL QUESTIONS

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QUESTION 1

a) With the aid of examples, discuss the clause hierarchy. [10 marks]

b) The following sentence contains three clauses which have been labelled C1, C2 and C3. Decide whether the statements below are true or false and give a reason for your response.

The bank manager suggested](C1) that we should consider](C2) leasing the building](C3).

i) C1 is the matrix clause. [2marks]

ii) C3 is the matrix clause. [2marks]

iii) C2 is superordinate to C1. [2marks]

iv) C3 is subordinate to C1. [2marks]

v) C3 is superordinate to C2. [2 marks]

TOTAL [20 marks]

QUESTION 2

What is the nature and syntactic function of the underlined grammatical units.

i) Today vacuum cleaners can be found in nearly every household.

ii) Not long ago, people had to clean their homes with brushes and clothes.

iii) The annual ritual of 'spring cleaning' involves moving furniture aside, taking rugs outside and cleaning houses from top to bottom.

iv) Vacuum cleaners have been around since the mid-1800s

v) The first American hand-pumped vacuum cleaner was developed by a Chicago inventor in 1865.

vi) A hand-pumped vacuum cleaner was operated manually.

- vii) An obsession with disinfecting the home developed in the US around the turn of the century.
- viii) Coincidentally, the outdoor flushing toilet appeared around the same time.
- ix) Vacuum cleaners that were powered electrically appeared at the beginning of the twentieth century.
- x) Household dirt is mostly dead human skin cells. [2 marks each]

TOTAL [20 marks]

QUESTION 3

Write a one page full letter to the editor of one of the local newspapers expressing your feelings about the current financial and/ or judicial system in the country.

TOTAL [20 marks]