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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 (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)

a) Briefly discuss **five** properties of human language.

(10 marks)

b) What is the distinction between tense and aspect? Illustrate your answer with relevant examples.

(10 marks)

c) State whether the following words are adverbs or adjectives, give a reason for your answer?

i) cold

ii) beautifully

iii) fast

iv) courageous

v) angry

(10 marks)

d) What are the similarities and differences between regular and irregular nouns and regular and irregular verbs?

(10 marks)

[40 marks]

Question 2

b) Discuss **three** syntactic functions of adjectives. Illustrate your answer with relevant examples. (Remember to give a detailed claim, examples and a comment for each function).

[20 marks]

Question 3

Discuss in detail the grammatical functions of coordinating, correlative, subordinating conjunctions and conjunctive adverbs. Illustrate your answer with relevant examples.

[20 marks]

Question 4

What do you understand by the following? Illustrate your answer with relevant examples.

- a) Transitivity (10 marks)
- b) Voice (5 marks)
- c) Mood (5 marks)

[20 marks]